

Is It Wrong to Expose Error?

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The issue of exposing error has recently come to the forefront in our day. Liberal-minded, unseparated, New-Evangelical thinking says, "It's wrong, negative and unloving to expose error and speak out against people who are supporting or propagating false teaching. After all, we all have good qualities to look at and should center upon the positive things, instead of the negative." This is the voice of modernism, New-Evangelicalism and liberal-minded, left-wing Christians. It is not the voice of God's word! Many separated, Bible-defending pastors, who are seeking by God's grace to protect their flocks, have been attacked in subtle ways for their Scriptural stand against all error and false teaching.

This attack can also be very strong from unseparated Christians. Clueless Christian people are contending that it's wrong to speak out against error and offend people. However, you cannot find that mentality in the Bible. Is it wrong to offend people with the truth in a loving way (Eph. 4:15)? My friend, if you were to attend a liberal or charismatic service as a Bible taught Christian, you would be offended by their preposterous error and false claims. Surely we can offend people with the truth, if they can offend us with their error! It's a common reaction that people like the Pharisees of old will be offended by the outspoken truth. In Matthew 15:12 it says "the Pharisees were offended, after they heard" the saying of Jesus. Truth will always offend certain people. I can only ask what Paul asked the Galatian Christians, "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth" (Gal. 4:16)? Is it wrong to speak out against the Lutheran heresy and Catholic heresy of baptismal regeneration? Is it wrong to tell people that the Lutheran and Catholic churches are wrong in their attempt to damn souls to an everlasting Hell fire through the waters of baptism, masses and confessions to priests?

Several years ago the Berean Bible Church members were handing out Gospel tracts at our hometown fair. Two of these liberal-minded, dog-collar preachers walked by with their clergy garb on and were laughing at us. They were mocking our tract stand! I suppose it is all right for these men to laugh at God's people and mock God's glorious Gospel without God's people standing up like a soldier and fighting back with the truth (1 Timothy 1:18)? What is happening in our day? Have we as believers fallen into the

subtle, satanic trap that says exposing error and damnable heresies is wrong and unloving? Truly the night is far spent and the days are evil. It is high time to awake out of our liberal sleep. It is time to shatter the ultimate delusion that God's people must remain in foggy neutrality about everything and never say anything with a negative connotation.

What does the Bible say about such thinking as this? What does the Bible say about the need and ministry of a faithful pastor exposing the errors of wicked satanic systems? Let's take a look! Before we do, let me lovingly say that some of you will read these verses and short comments and still believe it's wrong to expose error. If this is the case, then you will remain in your biased, prejudiced and unbiblical thinking and I will no longer seek to confuse you with the simple facts of Scripture. However, I beg of you; will you in all sincerity think about these verses? Can you actually deny what is being said?

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*” (Ephesians 5:11).

Here we see that the Bible unmistakably says we must reprove or correct the unfruitful works of evildoers, which would include their godless error and false teaching. We are not to compromise with it, accept it or condone it. We are to speak out as a soldier and correct the error of our day and all those who are propagating it. The believer is responsible for exposing and opposing darkness wherever it is found, especially when it is found in the church. *This will require an exposure and judgment of those people who are preaching the error.*

“He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art* righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them” (Proverbs 24:24-25).

We could never be confused or mistaken about such simple language as this. We are never told to cover-up or butter-up the wicked, unrighteous individual. Rather, we are to rebuke them and have God's blessing upon our life as a result.

“Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow

bellies. This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith” (Titus 1:11-13).

In these verses, Paul warns Titus about these false teachers and tells Titus to "rebuke" them sharply, or in a very severe and cutting manner. He calls them liars and reduces them to nothing more than a money making religious racket! Here is yet another clear reference to boldly denounce the wicked and the error of the heretic.

“Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son of Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man’s voice forbad the madness of the prophet” (2 Peter 2:15-16).

False teachers are compared to Balaam. They have a type of spiritual madness ("insanity"). In this particular instance, God even used a donkey to rebuke a false teaching madman.

If a donkey can rebuke a pagan, false teacher, surely God's people can! It's utterly amazing how unseparated believers today can turn a blind eye to the need for Biblical rebuke in these last days of end-time deception. We need more talking donkeys today!

"Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision" (Philippians 3:2).

Here Paul tells the people to watch out for the dogs! This is not a warning to the mailman! He was warning the people to be on guard against the false teachers of his day, which were compared to wild dogs. *Out of necessity, if you are going to watch out for the wild dogs, you will have to know who they are and expose them.*

“Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme” (1 Timothy 1:19-20).

Paul spoke out against those who were teaching error in order to expose them. He even named their names in order to warn the people about their

wicked error. The naïve idea or notion that it's wrong to name the names of those teaching error is certainly foreign to the Biblical record.

“Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.”
(2 Timothy 3:8)

Here we see Paul mentioning the names of two men who withstood Moses and opposed what God wanted. They were perhaps two of Pharaoh's magicians who were much like the New Age magicians of today which are involved in the occult. We must speak out and counteract all this New Age occultic madness which is going on today.

“Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works” (2 Timothy 4:14).

Here Paul mentions the name of a man who opposed the Gospel message and who sought to destroy Christianity. Paul names this man so Timothy would be on the lookout for him. He says that God will bring revenge on this man in the fires of Hell and damnation.

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:28-31).

Here Paul talks about false teachers who are "grievous wolves" trying to lead people astray with their doctrines of demons. He warns the people about them. They were to "watch" for these false teachers. *This of course, would out of necessity, mean the people were to name them and expose them publicly.*

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15).

Here is another wolf verse! Let me ask all you hunters a question. How do you kill a wolf? *We all know that the only way to kill a wolf is to aim at them.* We will never hit the mark by aiming in the general direction. Aiming at wolves means to expose them and bring them out into the open so the people will not be harmed by them.

“But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?” (Galatians 2:14).

“Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear” (I Timothy 5:20).

“For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia” (2 Timothy 4:10).

“I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not” (3 John 9).

Here Paul even exposed sinful saints who were misleading the flocks of God. *Paul openly exposed these saints for their sin which was outwardly displayed before the other saints and which directly affected God's people in some way.* Surely if we can expose wayward saints, we can also expose wicked teachers who are teaching heresies. Some Christians object to speaking out against the error and sins of saints. The Bible clearly tells us to speak out against a brother or sister when their sin or error affects the body of believers (I Timothy 6:3-5; II Thessalonians 3:14; Titus 3:10).

“But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? Ye fools and blind: for whether *is* greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift?” (Matthew 23:13-14, 17, 19).

In these verses, Jesus righteously condemns a whole group of religious lost people who were nothing more than money making hypocrites. If we are really going to follow the steps of Jesus, then we will do the same. For instance, we should expose the hypocrisy that is going on in many of these charismatic TV miniseries today and how they are pocketing money from many ignorant people.

“But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate” (Revelation 2: 6, 15).

The Lord commends the church of Ephesus for hating a false sect of people who were trying to conquer and rule over God's true saints. He actually says that He hates their deeds and doctrines. Naming these "Nicolaitans" was very important to the Lord, so the people could be aware of His hatred of their false doctrine! In verse 15, the Lord condemns the church of Pergamos for condoning them in their midst. This tells us that we should never condone or compromise with error in any way or form. *It's interesting that the Nicolaitans had the same form of thinking, which Romanism has today.* They wanted to rule over people in some kind of hierarchy. This is the meaning behind their name. God despises a religious, ritualistic hierarchy over God's people. He despises false teachers setting themselves up as “gods” above the rest of people and teaching false doctrines. This is exactly what Roman Catholicism has done. God names these people and their wicked deeds even as we should speak out against Romanism today.

“And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters” (Revelation 17:1).

In Revelation 2:6 & 15, we see Romanism in seed form. In Revelation 17, we see Romanism heading up the great whore or apostate, ecumenical, super church of the end-times. The Roman papacy will be the uniting factor of this apostate system. God calls her a whore. She is a prostitute from true Christianity. Here the Lord speaks out against Romanism and all apostate Christendom. He says that it is all whorish in nature. Dare we say anything less? Should we fail to speak from Revelation 17 and other passages that allude to Roman Catholic heresy and its future role in uniting a prostitute

church, for fear that some Roman Catholic might be offended or hurt? I tell you, it's insanity to think this way! *God help us, if we are fearful about hurting the feelings of people, who are following a Satanic system of error!*

I would like to add a note about Romanism here. Many ecumenical, New Evangelical Christians want to especially condone Roman Catholicism today. They claim that Romanism is a Christian group after all. Christian ministries like "Back to the Bible" no longer print material, which speaks out against Romanism. They no longer define it as a cult. Everybody is moving Romeward today. Does Roman Catholicism really teach the truth? Can a man really forgive the sins of another man? Can Christ continually be offered for sin in the Roman mass? Can baptism really save you? Does the pope really take the place of Christ here upon the earth? Is there really a place called purgatory? Should we use images in worship? Should we exalt Mary as sinlessly conceived? Is a person really saved through the Roman Church and its sacraments? If you are not sure of the answers to these questions, please note John 14:6; Hebrews 10:10-12; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Timothy 2:5; Luke 1:46-47.

It's very misleading to say that we should never speak out against Roman Catholicism or the other modernistic churches and their errors for fear that we might offend some people and keep them from salvation? Does this also mean we should never speak out against the Mormons, Moonies, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc? Perhaps we should never write fundamental material to counteract their false teachings? Perhaps we should not read the Bible books of Galatians, Colossians, II Peter and Jude, since they were written to counteract error in their day. This is totally unscriptural and unintelligent thinking. How can a cultist, Catholic or liberal church-going person get saved unless we tell them that baptism cannot save them? How can we expect people entrenched in error to be saved, unless we expose the error and point them to the finished work of Christ? Exposing error is the gateway to pointing people to the truth.

Did you ever stop and think about this? We never would have experienced the Reformation, if it were not for Martin Luther and other godly men standing up against the Roman Catholic system of their day. The true church needed to separate itself from this pagan, blood thirsty system who has killed millions of God's people both in the past and will in the future as well (Rev. 17:6).

“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them” (Romans 16:17).

The only way we can mark false teachers is to speak out against them and specifically name them. *If we must avoid them, we must know who to avoid.* We must put a labeling mark upon them. The mark upon a person and their teaching ministry will provide ample warning to the rest of the flock that there is a wolf roaming around the Christian countryside.

“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance (form) of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22).

Here is another clear statement of Scripture. We are to prove or test everything that we hear. We are only to hold fast to that which is true to the Bible. What is found to be “good” is to be wholeheartedly embraced. What is “evil” or unbiblical is to be shunned. *In seeking to hold fast to the truth, we will have to speak out against those who are untrue and wrong.* A judgment will be required of us.

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 3-4).

"The faith" has reference to the body of revealed truth (the Scriptures). The word "contend" means to struggle for the truth. It means that we will have to speak out against those "certain men" and expose their sinful error. False teachers need to be brought out into the light as we defend the Bible from their soul-damning heresies (Titus 1:9). *Heresy and heretics are to be exposed in order to be able to defend the Bible.*

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1).

We are to try (test) the false spirits (demons) behind the false teachers and their messages. This testing will result in the exposure of these wicked men who are backing up "doctrines of demons" (I Timothy 4:1).

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (II Timothy 3:5).

By turning away from false teachers, we will be singling them out and exposing them for what they really are. The problem in our day is that many Christians do not have the spiritual backbone to turn away from false teachers. They would rather gather together with them in some ecumenical rally so they can pat one another on the back and say that they are all in the same work and moving in the same general direction. Since when is east and west in the same direction? We are to turn away from false teachers and not rally together with them in some crusade.

"A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject" (Titus 3:10).

By rejecting a heretic, we will be exposing them, as a false teacher and letting everyone know that this is exactly what they are! How can you reject a heretic without exposing him? We are to reject the heretic and his teaching. We are not to join together for some spiritual endeavor and forget about his heretical teachings. We are not to shake hands with the heretic and say as one radio preacher said, "God bless all the priests out there in radio land."

A heretic can be an unsaved individual causing division. However, a heretic may also be a believer who is causing division in some way. *A heretic is any person who causes division within the church.* This is what the word "heretick" (divider) means. Many times the heretic will develop a following around their charismatic and emotional personality or some false doctrine that they may be teaching. After ample warning the separated believer is to consider this person to be a divider who is opposing the truth of God's Word. Anyone in the church who is unsubmitive, self-willed, and divisive should be expelled from the church. Two warnings are to be given, following the basic pattern for church discipline set forth by Christ. *If more churches would follow this heretic principle, we would have fewer "church tramps" jumping from church to church.*

“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you” (II Corinthians 6:17)

When separating from false teachers, we will by our very actions let others know of their false ways and doctrines. This involves a judgment of these people. *Separation is the righteous judgment on all unbelief and false teaching.* Christians have forgotten about this in our day. This is because preachers are not teaching the Biblical doctrine of separation to their flocks. The church has become an unseparated house that embraces ecumenical gatherings with liberal denominations, which reject the Gospel and foundational teachings of the Bible. *Building bridges is the concept being preached today instead of tearing down the bridges and separating from all unbelief and apostasy.*

“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds” (II John 10-11).

It’s a sin when we keep close company with false teachers and fail to speak out against their false systems and teachings. *Our failure to separate or part company with them would seem to suggest that we are condoning their very existence. It would also make us part of their wicked deeds.* This verse clearly forbids ecumenical gatherings with apostate Christendom so that true believers do not become a partaker of their evil deeds and doctrines.

“But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils” (1 Corinthians 10:20).

When we fail to counteract the false teaching and false Gospels in religious groups and organizations by cooperating with them in ecumenical gatherings, then we are guilty by association. In fact, we are fellowshiping with the doctrines of demons behind their false teachings and damnable heresies in the same way that the Corinthians were fellowshiping with demons by their presence in the pagan festivals of their day (1 Timothy 4:1).

“Who hate the good, and love the evil...” (Micah 3:2a).

“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20a).

We need to beware about turning God's truth upside-down. We are never to look at evil and claim that there is some good in that evil. We are never to look at error and make it to be something good. The "evil is good and good is evil" philosophy must be condemned today. When we do not strongly condemn error and false teaching today, we are simply guilty of condoning it and looking at the false teaching as something, which is really good! *Our silence sends a message out to others.* It's a message of approval and acceptance of the false teaching or error.

“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

“But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man” (I Corinthians 2:15)

“But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil” (Hebrews 5:14).

In these verses, we discover that we are to judge righteously and “discern” that which is right and wrong or good and evil. We need to have our “senses exercised,” which means to practice, train or exercise our mind in order to distinguish or discern between what is right and wrong. This is the God-given duty for every spiritual Christian. This judgment of what is right and wrong is always measured by the Word of God. *This will be a judgment, which extends to the testimonies of men and will identify them as true or false concerning what they say.* To judge what a man says is absolutely needed and necessary. If he is found to be wrong in his teaching, we must make it known, so others will not be lead astray into some error. *We must remember that error rides on the back of truth.*

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9).

This means to express our hatred for that which is evil. True or sincere love is discriminating. It cannot condone sin and error but only be attached to

what is good and clean. True love rejoices in truth and not in error (I Cor. 13:6). According to this verse, (Romans 12:9), we should have the backbone to detest evil and express our hatred for all that is false and wrong. In following the command of this verse, we will have to speak out against the evil errors of wicked people and the false doctrines of today.

“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil” (Psalm 97:10a).

“Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way” (Psalm 119:104).

“Therefore I esteem all *thy* precepts *concerning* all *things to be* right; and I hate every false way” (Psalm 119:128).

“I hate and abhor lying: *but* thy law do I love” (Psalm 119:163).

“The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate” (Proverbs 8:13).

In these verses, it's clear to see that the psalmist had a strong hatred for evil and false ways. The psalmist despised all lying and false ways, which were against the Scriptures. The same should be true of us today as believers. We should have the boldness to stand up for what is right and denounce every wrong way, which is false and contrary to the truth.

“Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees” (Matthew 16:6).

“How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees” (Matthew 16:11-12).

Jesus as a preacher warned people about the leaven (false doctrine) of the Pharisees and Sadducees. He spoke their names to the people and warned the people about their false doctrine. Any faithful pastor today will do the same thing as Jesus!!!

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (II Timothy 4:2).

The faithful preacher will have to bring forth correction and rebuke as he preaches the Word of God. This rebuke may extend to those preachers and teachers who are propagating error. Those who are in error he must correct by his clear teaching of the truth. Those who are sinning he will rebuke by his clear presentation of the truth. Any faithful preacher must use the Scriptures to bring correction and rebuke upon the lives of his listeners. If people are sitting in the congregation and become offended, then the preacher will need to claim the little saying which goes like this: “What is popular is not always right and what is right is not always popular.” The reason that preachers must preach the word with boldness, powerful conviction and personal correction is stated in the next verses.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (II Timothy 4:3-4).

The Bible warns about the time within the framework of the last days when many of God’s people will not endure the sound or healthy doctrinal teaching of the Bible. They will want to listen to “fables” or false fictional preaching that has no solid Biblical base or content. We see this today in the psychological preaching and feeling oriented messages of our day which are only designed to give people a good feeling and some emotional lift. *The people come to hear what they want to hear and the preacher gives them what they want to hear.* People turn their ears away from truth when the preacher begins to water down the message and make it more palatable to the listener. Faithful preaching will always bring conviction, correction and consistent rebuke into the lives of people. This is for their own growth and edification. The valiant preacher should not fear the repercussions that come from old-fashioned preaching.

Someone has humorously said:

“God pity the preacher who has grown cross-eyed watching certain faces in the congregation to observe whether the message is acceptable or not.”

“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which

he hath purchased with his own blood. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:28, 31).

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you” (Hebrews 13:17).

In these verses, we see one of the main ministries of the pastor or shepherd of the flock. It is to guard and oversee the flock, which God has given to the pastor. The context clearly tells us that the true minister of Jesus Christ will guard his flock from the error of false teachers. The ministry of the pastor will be one of warning the flock by exposing false teachers and their false doctrines. This is the only way that the pastor can “watch” over the lives of his people and protect them from being swept away in the blowing winds of doctrinal departure (Ephesians 4:14).

Wearing Your Pastor's Shoes

Did you ever stop to think what it would be like to be a pastor? Put yourself in your pastor's shoes for a moment. God says we "must give account" for our flocks (Hebrews 13:17) and that "we shall receive the greater condemnation" or judgment (James 3:1) at the Bema Seat of Christ for not handling the Scriptures wisely, honestly and correctly. Pastors will also have to answer for their negligence and failure to expose error to their flocks. They will give an account before God concerning how they have sought to protect their sheep from the ravenous wolves around them. If a pastor fails to teach the truth of the Bible and fails to guard his flock from false teachers and their lies, then he will receive a greater judgment at the Bema Seat of Christ. When a pastor fails in his duties to warn the brethren, the more he will stand to lose in reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ for believers.

In all honesty, that's why I will:

- "Fight with beasts" (false teachers) as Paul did (I Corinthians 15:32).
- "Fight the good fight of faith" as Timothy was to do (I Timothy 6:12).
- "War a good warfare" as Timothy was expected to do (I Timothy 1:18).
- "Be a good minister of Jesus Christ" (I Timothy 4:6).

- "Rebuke" false teachers and their soul damning heresies (Titus 2:15).
- Not fear offending others with the truth (Galatians 4:16).
- Tell people to "beware of dogs" (false teachers) as Paul did, by naming and exposing them in a direct way (Philippians 3:2).

There are wild dogs running loose today. We must expose them and send them to the dog pound. Paul said in Galatians 5:12, "I would they (false teachers) were even cut off which trouble you." Paul and everyone knew who they were. They wanted them out of their way. One ecumenical preacher said that Paul spoke out of line when he made this statement. The preacher who said this must have a distorted and liberal view of inspiration!

Do you hear God's cry to the pastor? It's the same cry of old:
 "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me" (Ezekiel 3:17).

"Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28).

The Preacher must always remember that he is to please Christ and not man! He is to look for Christ's praise and not man's praise. This is why he must boldly denounce all error and heretics, as the Bible tells him to do.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ" (Galatians 1:10).

The late evangelist Oliver B. Green was a prime example of a man who stood for truth and wanted to remain separated from all error and false teachers. In one tent meeting, Oliver Green said something that made me laugh. In his old Oliver B. Green way, he said, "You people say that I'm cracked. I thank God that I am cracked for that's where the light got in!"

Many people feel that separated Bible teaching and preaching is a thing of the past. Those who are teaching Biblical separation are considered crackpots without any light on real Bible truth. The truth of the matter is that faithful preachers of the Bible are trying to keep the flickering light of Bible separation from going completely out in our generation. The faithful

preacher will continually hold fast until Christ returns (Revelation 2:25). The pastor must remember that in the end he is accountable to only one person. That person is God!

It's not wrong to expose error! The mindset of milk toast believers today has tried to erase the duty of the fundamental pastor. Here is a closing thought for every faithful preacher who sees the desperate need to expose all error.

“If the truth cannot be fearlessly proclaimed in the church, then what place is there for the truth at all?”