

## **Beware of False Teachers & Deceivers** **A Bible Overview Information Paper**

If you study the truth you can then recognize the false. Example: A banker finds it easiest to study real bills so as to detect counterfeits; if they studied the many counterfeits, they'd be confused about what real bills looked like. So, know what the Bible teaches so as to not be deceived by false ideas!

### **Matthew 15:6-9-**

Jesus told Pharisees they nullify Word of God for sake of tradition and He quotes Isaiah's prophecy about them:

"These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me... their worship is a farce, for they replace God's commands with their own manmade teachings."

### **Acts 20:21-**

Whereas this is right: "I have had one message for Jews and Gentiles alike- the necessity of turning from sin and turning to God, and of faith in our Lord Jesus."

Be warned: "Even some of you will distort the truth in order to draw a following. Watch out!..." (Acts 20:30)

### **Romans 16:17,18-**

"Watch out for people who cause divisions and upset people's faith by teaching things that are contrary to what you have been taught. Stay away from them. Such people are not serving Christ our Lord; they are serving their own personal interests. By smooth talk and glowing words they deceive innocent people."

### **1 Corinthians 1:10-31-**

Paul pleads for unity and sticking with the simple Gospel message, not being led astray by those who sound wise. **(See 2 Cor. 11:3-4)**

### **Galatians 1:6-8-**

Deceivers were confusing the Galatians and perverting the gospel of Christ. Paul taught that if even an angel from heaven preached but it was different than the gospel Paul taught, then:

"let him be eternally condemned."

### **Galatians 5:1-15-**

With freedom in Christ's sacrificial death for us, Paul warns the Galatians to not be deceived by someone wanting to lead them away from the truth:

"It takes only one wrong person among you to infect all the others..." (v. 9)

### **Ephesians 4:14-**

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.

(Remember: Satan is the "Father of lies..." Jn. 8:44)

**Colossians 2:4, 8, 9-**

“See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human traditions and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form...”

**1 Timothy 4:1,2-**

“...these teachers are hypocrites and liars. They pretend to be religious...”

**2 Timothy 3.12,13-**

Deceivers will be many and as they deceive others they deceive themselves.

**2 Timothy 4:3,4-**

“For the time is coming when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear. They will reject the truth and follow strange myths.”

**2 Peter 2:1-**

“But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach their destructive heresies about God and, even, turn against their Master who bought them...man will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of them, Christ and his true way will be slandered...”

**1 John 1:5-10-** False teachers denied there is a sin nature problem

**2 Peter 3:17,18-**

<sup>17</sup> You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. <sup>18</sup> Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.