

## **The Deception of false teachers**

### **Part 1**

One of the pastor's most solemn duties is to guard the Church against wolves in sheep's clothing. This is not an option, it is an imperative. He must do that.

And if he's not doing that then he is failing at one of the most important areas of his calling and ministry.

If the true shepherd does not call out false teachers and expose them then he is leaving the Church vulnerable and susceptible to accepting their lies.

1- We must beware of false prophets. (We need to know who they are by name, if possible and who they're associated with if necessary to steer clear of them.) Additionally the true shepherds must protect the sheep against the false prophets by teaching them truth. Expository biblical truths that will make them understand doctrine in order to help them discriminate between that which is false, almost true, and true.

2- They are masters of deception. Joel Osteen when asked why he never preaches the gospel, his answer is "I preach the gospel."

To which I would say why would you bother with the gospel if 99% of people are good people like you claim, but they only make poor choices and have bad patches. They are not sinners who need to be saved from hell. They are, according to him, good people who make poor choices. You preach like that, you'll fill up this entire place in no time. But that's ravenous wolves business. They are for you and never against you. They want you to be happy and wealthy even if you go to hell.

3- False prophets produce ungodly fruits. It is in their nature and they cannot help it. Christ gives an illustration based on the physiological and biological genetic code of different trees and presents an impossibility. Verse 16 "You will know them by their fruits." What are their fruits?

- Deception, lying, lovers of money, self-exalting, Christ dishonoring, they pervert the gospel, they bring shame to the name of Jesus Christ, they abuse the Church, they abuse the flock, they are licentiousness, evil, and the list goes on and on.

It is in their spiritual genetic code to do these things. Jesus asked "Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?" Absolutely not. It is not in the genetic code of thorn bushes to produce grapes. Nor would you hear the gospel of grace, the atoning sacrifice of

Christ, the justification by faith through grace of sinners in Christ alone from any false teachers.

This is not in their spiritual genetic make up. It's impossible.

3- Not only is it impossible. Even the false teachers are self-deceived into thinking that they are working for God. They are doing God's work. Matthew 7:21

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As the New Testament commentator, Richard Lenski says, "The worst forms of wickedness consist of perversions of the truth, spiritual lies."

And if there is one thing that false teachers truly master it is this:  
Perverting the truth of God's Word.

And what Satan wants to do more than anything else is to become powerful in the Church without anyone questioning anything.

And Satan does not gain favor within the Church by an overt demonic assault.

He does this by subtly twisting and distorting the truth of God's word.

## **Part 2**

A Christian or a Church that does not know or that is not equipped to discern the truth and differentiate error from truth will die the death of a thousand heresy.

Many Churches have forfeited the battle and gave in to the lies of Satan.

For example, the Bible clearly indicates that women are not to be pastors.

But many Churches turn around and do the complete opposite.

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They compromised the truth of God's word for a lie.

Satan perverted the truth of God's command in the garden and caused man to fall into sin. And man was cursed along with him the entire universe.

This is how serious the consequences of perverting the truth is. And our responsibility as Christians is to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints.

We are to preserve the truth against error. And be willing, as Voddie Baucham stated, to go to war over doctrine.

Your value as a Christian in the kingdom of God is directly related to your discernment regarding the truth.

Your ability to recognize truth and detect lies will ultimately give you the ability to make good choices. Good choices in who you associate with for the work of ministry.

Good choices in what teacher of the Bible you listen to feed your soul, what music you consume on a weekly basis, and so on.

And yet for some strange reason Modern Evangelical Christianity is very passive about confronting false teaching, and hesitant to sternly call out false teachers with the severity that Jesus and the apostles did.

Most Christians seem to wanna be politically correct and preserve the quote-on-quote "unity of the faith", at the expense of the truth and thus letting false teachers and false prophets make a mockery of the word of God and a fool of the bride of Christ, the Church.

That tolerant attitude toward falsehood is one of the reasons why many churches have slowly adopted over the years pagan religions and cultic practices under the guise of preserving the unity of the faith.

So it doesn't really matter if your view of Jesus is completely aberrant, It does not matter if your worship is completely unbiblical, it does not matter if your life doesn't reflect that which of a true born-again believer, as long as we can partner together in the name of Jesus, then it is completely fine.

That is a grave mistake that many evangelical leaders and Churches which at one point held biblical doctrines but have now compromised for the sake of unity.

As a result of that, many ideas and philosophies that are quite frankly purely pagan in essence and cultic in origin, have become popular and influential within the Church.

From soak graving, to being slain in the spirit, positive confession or the name it and claim it practice, not to mention the heretical little god theology just to name these few.

With popular and prominent false teachers spreading those ideas all over the world through TBN, Day Starr and every other means of media and print, those who don't know the word of God and lack biblical discernment do not stand a chance against this system of falsehood.

But we know that based on Scripture that no true Church, and no true believer can unite under the banner of false theology and unbiblical practices.

So it is incumbent upon true and faithful teachers of the word of God to denounce those who twist and undermine God's Word, who corrupt the church and worst of all lead lost people still further away from God's truth.

That is literally working against the gospel of Jesus Christ. That is what being anti-Christ means.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is preached so that those who hear it may be convicted of their sin, repent of them and be saved.

False teaching from false teachers is doing the exact opposite. It is driving those that are lost further away from the truth of God's word and further away from the salvation of Jesus Christ.

And of course, no one points out false teachers without their fair share of criticism.

So we'll take a closer look at two of those criticisms that I typically receive in this video.

At number 1 we have: Do Not Touch God's anointed

This is the most popular criticism or warning I always get from folks who seem to think my pointing out false teachers and their false teaching is somehow me touching God's anointed.

Aside from the fact that I've never literally touched any of those people, it goes without saying that this term is being used completely out of context by both false teachers and those who support them due to a lack of biblical discernment and blind fanaticism.

For example, what true-born again believer who knows and understand the word of God would actually believe this statement from Kenneth Copeland:

The Power of God's name gives you the authority to act on His behalf."

Translation, God's name bestows upon you divine essence.

To put it simply: God's name makes you god.

That my friend is heretical. And you are to flee from that.

Benny Hinn once said that if he had his way, he would literally blow John MacArthur's brains out with a Holy Ghost machine gun. You know why because John MacArthur dared to touch God's anointed.

But those who blindly follow these false teachers often criticize brothers and sisters who call them out and their errors.

When someone like Justin Peters provides biblical clarity on these false teachers he is surprisingly treated as one who creates division in the body of Christ.

One who dares touch God's anointed although that does not mean what T. D. Jakes twisted it to mean:

False teachers twist the Scriptures to lead people astray. The twisting of God's truth is never something that comes from the Holy Spirit. It is a work of the devil.

Criticism number 2: You are dividing the body of Christ.

This is the most subtle criticism that can easily pass for a legitimate one.

When God delivers someone, the Apostle Paul says in Colossians 1:13 "God rescued us from the domain of darkness, the domain of lies and error, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

So if God in his grace and mercy delivered us from error to truth then it would be working against the very salvation of God for us to associate with those who propagate the lies and errors from which God has saved us.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 6:14 and 15

What does light have in common with darkness? Or what harmony does Christ have with [b]Belial, or [c]what does a believer share with an unbeliever?

The answer is absolutely nothing. Hence why God said to come out from their midst and be separate from them.

So we are not dividing the Church of Jesus, we are obeying God's word by pointing out those who make a practice of twisting and distorting it.

After, if there is one thing that truth does it divides. It divides true believers from false believers. True followers of Christ from false converts.

Jesus says in John 10:27 "My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." That is to say those who are Christ will always follow the truth of the word of God.

When the pure and unadulterated word of God is preached they listen, they follow and obey it.

I am not dividing the Church of Christ I am edifying the true Church of Jesus Christ by speaking the truth of the Word of God.

Criticism number 3: Why don't you just preach the Gospel?

You should just preach the Gospel and don't worry about false teaching.

Many of the people who advocate for this sometimes do not understand what the Gospel saves from. The Gospel saves sinners from sin and false teaching is sin, it is a chain that binds and imprisons lost souls to the desires of their flesh.

False teachers promise sinners their best life now.

Their False teaching promises the unregenerate man healing, prosperity, and heaven on earth.

That is completely antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-25 "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever would save his life<sup>[g]</sup> will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Jesus says in Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

The Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3, regarding the glory of having nothing but Christ,

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."

The gospel of Jesus Christ does not promise anything more than salvation from your sin.

Why does it have to be that way? Why can't the gospel offer more?

Why does it not offer riches, wealth, and all this other stuff that the world offers?

The answer is simple: It does not profit a man anything if he gains this world and loses his soul.

Therefore, the most important thing a man has in this world is his soul. There is no price for a soul.

When man disobeyed God and sin against the Holy one. His soul was cursed and lost.

No matter how prosperous men could be, no matter how powerful, how rich and how content man may seem to be in this life, the truth of the matter is, man's soul was a lost cause.

But God in His mercy, and His grace, and His love: Sent His son Jesus Christ.

He lived a perfect and holy life, and died on the cross for you and I.

God made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

On the third day God raised Him from the dead and thereby validated His sacrifice for you and I.

Anyone who repents of their sin and puts their faith in Jesus Christ will no longer be lost.

They will no longer be condemned. But they will be found safe and secured in Christ Jesus.

My prayer for you is to be found in Jesus Christ. My prayer for you is to be washed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

And if you are in a Church where the true gospel is not being preached, if you're in a Church heavily influenced by false teaching and false doctrine. I urge you to consider finding a biblical Church.