

STUDY PACK 2

ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION

“The line of demarcation that existed between Separatist Fundamentalism and the New-Evangelicals is now being intentionally erased through a slow **BLENDING** of these two identifies by the leadership of the next generation. The erasure of the demarcation between the separated beliefs in Evangelicalism and the ecumenical spirit of Neo-Evangelicalism has been promoted by the secret desires of a new generation during their years of preparation.”

~~ Dr. H. T. Spence, *Straightway*, June/July 2005 ~~

“We cannot preserve the fundamentalist position without crusading for it... _____ will always lead _____, not the stronger one. The Biblical command for separation has never been changed and we dare not minimize it in any age.”

~~ Dayton Hobbs ~~

I. GOD DOESN'T ACCEPT JUST ANY OLD WORSHIP

Exodus 28:36-38: “36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like that it may be upon the mitre; upon the forefront of the mitre it shall be. 38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.”

Contemporary Church -- Neo-Evangelicalism,
Ecumenical Movement -- Promise Keepers,
Charismatic Movement -- are not God's plan.

II. DON'T BE UNEQUALLY YOKED

2 Corinthians 6:14-18: “14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

III. DOCTRINE DEMANDS DIVISION

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

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

Acts 15.

IV. PERSONAL BEHAVIOR CAN CREATE GROUNDS FOR DIVISION

2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14: *“6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.” “14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.”*

I Corinthians 5.

V. THERE ARE LIMITS TO RECEIVING THE WEAK

Romans 14:1.

VI. THE EXAMPLE OF TOBIAH

Nehemiah 13:1-9: *“1 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God for ever; 2 Because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. 3 Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. 4 And before this, Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the house of our God, was allied unto Tobiah: 5 And he had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded to be given to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the priests. 6 But in all this time was not I at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king: 7 And I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat offering and the frankincense.”*

VII. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT THE WORLD WANTS, OR IS IMPRESSED WITH, A CHEAP IMITATION OF ITSELF?