

## STUDY PAK 2

### TRUE AND FALSE CHRISTIANITY

“I am saying that is a part of this admonition. Beware of \_\_\_\_\_.” If you are a good Christian, you are going to face it that all around us are \_\_\_\_\_ of whom we need to beware. Many times that is mentioned in the Bible.”

~~John R. Rice, booklet, *Beware of False Prophets*~~

#### I. TWO STREAMS OF CHRISTIANITY

Not everything lives up to its name. Jehovah’s Witnesses do not witness for Jehovah. Christian Science involves neither Christianity nor science. Not everything that is called Christian is really Christian. Not everything called a church is really a church.

From the beginning Satan has tried to \_\_\_\_\_ everything about Christianity. An apostate Christianity developed with a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ of church government and doctrines designed to please \_\_\_\_\_. From the beginning, Satan has fooled people by using \_\_\_\_\_.

That which is called Christianity is sometimes true Biblical Christianity; sometimes it is an absolutely false system with no right to the term Christian. Sometimes it refers to movements that are partially faithful to the Bible and partially unfaithful.

This study of Christianity refers to that which is \_\_\_\_\_, not just that which is genuinely Christian.

#### II. LOCAL CHURCH, CHURCHES OR THE CHURCH

- A. The term church has several different common meanings. Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary gives seven different meanings for the English Word *church*. They are as follows: 1. A building for public worship. 2. Church service; divine worship. 3. The organization of Christianity, as in a nation; esp.

ecclesiastical power or government. 4. The clerical profession. 5. The collective body of Christians. 6. A body of Christian believers having the same creed, rites, etc.; a denomination. 7. Any body of worshippers; a religious society.

- B. In the Bible a church is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- C. For the purposes of this course (and of most courses by the name Church History) church refers to \_\_\_\_\_ or that which is called Christian. This includes both the true stream of Christianity and the false stream of Christianity.

### III. BIBLICAL SEPARATION

The Scriptures list nine clear principles that forbid genuine Christianity from fellowshiping with apostate Christianity.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ...I John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they be of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ ...Romans 16:17: "Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."
3. \_\_\_\_\_ ...Titus 1:13: "This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith."
4. \_\_\_\_\_ ...Ephesians 5:11: "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
5. \_\_\_\_\_ ...II Thessalonians 3:6: "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 ye received of us."
6. \_\_\_\_\_ ...II John 10:11: "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.” To our day false teachings are fostered by misplaced hospitality.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ ...II Thessalonians 3:14: “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.”
8. \_\_\_\_\_ ...Titus 3:10: “A man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition, reject.”
9. \_\_\_\_\_ ...II Corinthians 6:17: “Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”

#### IV. FALSE TEACHERS

The Bible lists several principles to describe the behavior and nature of false teachers.

##### A. EXPECT FALSE TEACHERS

The Bible \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

II Peter 2:1; I John 2:18-23; Acts 20:29-30

##### B. PRIVILY

False teachers will try to bring their teaching \_\_\_\_\_ – they will not want to be known for what they really are. II Peter 2:1; Jude 3-4; II Corinthians 11:13-15

##### C. DAMNABLE HERESIES

False teachers will teach damnable heresies. A damnable heresy is one that will \_\_\_\_\_, II Peter 2:1; Galatians 1:6-9.  
Damnable heresy comes from Satan to men through demons.

##### D. DENYING THE LORD THAT BOUGHT THEM

These heresies will always involve a \_\_\_\_\_,  
II Peter 2:1; II John 7-11; John 4:1-11; II Corinthians 11:4.

##### E. FALSE TEACHERS WILL BE JUDGED BY GOD

II Peter 2:1, 3; Matthew 7:21-23.

F. WICKED WAYS

\_\_\_\_\_, II Peter 2:2; Titus 3:10-11; Matthew 7:15-20. They may be successful at covering this wickedness up for a while but the truth will come out. (See also II Timothy 3:1-9)

G. BAD TESTIMONY

Many people will speak negatively about the truth because of the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. For example, people blame evangelicals for Jim Jones, II Peter 2:2.

H. MAKE MERCHANDISE

False teachers will use their followers for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. They will be ruled by their covetousness, II Peter 2:3. (See for example Father Devine, Louis Farrakhan, Jim Bakker, Sun Myung Moon.) (See also I Timothy 6:3-5.)

I. FEIGNED WORDS

False teachers will say many things \_\_\_\_\_,  
II Peter 3:3 and II Peter 2:3; Proverbs 14:15.