

“A New Virus for the Last Days



“The Pandemic Now Destroying the Church Worldwide”

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine: but after their own lusts they shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears” (2 Timothy 4:3).

The importance of sound doctrine is a major and often mentioned issue in so much of Paul’s Pastoral Letters, and well it should be:

1 Timothy 1:3,
1 Timothy 1:10;
1 Timothy 4:6
1 Timothy 4:13,16
1 Timothy 5:17;
1 Timothy 6:13;
2 Tim. 3:10,
1 Timothy 3:16-17
2 Timothy 4:2-3;
Titus 1:9;
Titus 2:1,
Titus 2:7
Titus 2: 10

“How Important is Doctrine?”

The words teach, teacher, teaching are all translated from a form of the same Greek word that is translated doctrine! These letters represent Paul’s “swan song” before his “departure/death” to be with the Lord (2 Timothy 4:6).

Paul is a “preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles” 2 Timothy 1:11; therefore his “charge” to Timothy carries with it great authority. His teaching is given much like a military instructor might give instruction. It is given as an order, a duty to which Timothy and all pastors are accountable:

1 Timothy 5:20;
2 Timothy 4:1

Paul’s last words aren’t any more inspired of the Holy Spirit than at any other time but, rather, are especially underlined or emphasized by his repeated use of the word “charge”

1 Tim. 1:3- 5,
1 Timothy 1:18;

1 Timothy 4:11;
1 Timothy 5:7;
1 Timothy 6:13
1 Timothy 6:17;
2 Timothy. 4:1

These last words may well be his most important or most urgent message to the Church. Paul, by divine inspiration, is motivated to write instructions and warnings in these letters because he anticipates the problems associated with “the last days” and “perilous times”

2 Tim. 3:1;

1 Tim. 4:1

One of the problems the Church will have to deal with is a new virus identified as “itching ears” – a problem caused by the church’s departure from sound doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3).

The new virus was a very highly contagious one that had infected the Church of Ephesus. As a result, Timothy was sent there by Paul, The Apostle, to find a cure (1 Tim. 1:3-7). The virus was the infiltration of legalism, fables, myths and “endless genealogies.” Paul called it “vain jangling” and it stood in opposition and contrast to what he called “sound doctrine.”

The “fables” and “genealogies” describe a system of false doctrine which leads believers away from the truth of the Mystery of the Church. (Ephesians 3:1-9). This is a satanic attack upon Church-Age doctrine. 1 Timothy 1:4, which clearly says that the Judaizers were willingly and knowingly teaching their legalism rather than teaching the truth of the Dispensation of Grace. By denying that Israel’s confidence in the Torah alone had been set aside because of unbelief.

They could not accept that the Dispensation of Grace had begun, and that the Body of Christ was now the agency through which the plan of God was to be executed. They acted as if the Dispensation of Grace didn’t exist. They labored to go right on with the Dispensation of Israel. This is not at all unlike what the teachers of Covenant Theology and many others are doing today. (The Sacred Name group, the Hebrew Roots group, the new Messianic Fellowships)

Paul installed Timothy as pastor of the Church of Ephesus in order to contend with and suppress the false teachings that were taking root there. This Church had been a strong “Grace” church thoroughly indoctrinated in the truths of the Mystery. However, even in Paul’s day, knowing the threat that “seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13), Paul warned that the day would come when they would not want what they really needed – “sound doctrine.”

(Dispensational Theology, the doctrine of the Church, the Body of Christ, the believer’s heavenly hope, the blessed hope – Rapture, spiritually by grace, the Word of God, the filling of the Holy Spirit and the termination of all Jewish ceremonials and rituals!) Timothy must emphasize Dispensational Theology and, so must we! Bible-believing, fundamentalist, “Grace” Christians must take every opportunity to orientate believers to Dispensational Theology, even more so as we see the progressive and growing threat to the truth of the Word of God rightly divided!

If we don’t take heed with a bold stand, all of our “Grace” churches will eventually become involved in false teaching. No pastor can lead his congregation to spiritual maturity or fulfill his ministry apart from dispensational truth! Yes, this will be difficult and perhaps painful consequences when fighting the “Itching Ear Virus.” “Yea, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Timothy. 3:12).

Here’s How This Infectious & Contagious Disease Can Destroy A Church

First, concerning the health of the Church, the congregation “will not endure sound doctrine.” They are not driven by a desire to know the Bible doctrines that will cause them to grow in grace and be conformed to the image of Christ. They don’t want “sound doctrine” but, rather, seek or desire to experience what their “emotions, flesh lust” dictates. They seek what they want not what they

need. They are “lovers of pleasures” (2 Timothy 3:4), much like today’s movie goers / committed sports fans. Consider the BLM stands for most MLB teams, and the refusal to salute the US flag, the overt gay agenda, and even our 1st Trans- Gender Olympics.

The practice and pleasure of unsaved men is an endless search for entertainment– like the ancient Athenians who “spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing” (Acts 17:21).

In another arena, the spiritual, moral and ethical health of our nation (Proverbs 14:14; Ps. 9:17), is similar and parallel. This problem can easily be measured by the public’s reaction to the immoral and unethical behavior within this new administration! Where’s the outrage?

Where ‘s the protests? Leaders who should be setting the example and pace for the spiritual and moral prosperity are usually silent on these issues, aiming for unity not division. Where are the righteousness voices? Where is the fear of the Lord even among believers? Has the Church so partnered with the world, there is no defining difference in words, in actions, or lifestyles?

“Who knowing the judgment of God that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them” (Romans 1:32).

“When you saw a thief, then you consented with him, and have partaken with adulterers” (Psalm 50:18)

They do not desire what is needed but pursue only what they want. Now, this is what prompts Paul’s concern as he addresses Timothy and the Church. He is concerned about the effect of philosophy and heathen values– the unsaved world – will in the “last days,” invade the Church. This is the new virus – the disease of inappropriate behavior for believers.

2 Timothy 3:1 is addressed to the Church, “Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection. Trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away, For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (2 Timothy 3:7).

More Warnings to Believers

Saved men: “Have turned aside unto vain jangling” (1 Timothy 1:6). They have “swerved” from “a good conscience and of faith unfeigned” (1 Timothy 1:5).

When we read this unsavory list of sins and deviations from sound doctrine that will overtake many believers, it seems unthinkable that there would ever come a time when saved people would ever be tempted to turn aside from the precious and satisfying truth of the Gospel of Grace (2 Tim. 3:5; Titus 1:16). But, such is the deceitfulness and power of the flesh in the “last days.” The possibility and temptation is there for all of us. No one is immune. It is for this reason that Paul passionately and earnestly pleads with Timothy and with all of us who find ourselves at that point of prophetic history called “the last days;”

“O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust” (1 Tim. 6:20). This sacred trust is doctrinal truth that must be handed down to the next generation! The Church, with the speed of lightning, is turning away from the Gospel.

And Even More Warnings For Believers

to “strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers” (2 Tim. 2:14).

- to, “give heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth” (Titus 1:14).
- to “avoid profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called” (1 Tim. 6:20).
- to “shun profane and vain babblings: they will increase unto more ungodliness” (2 Tim. 2:16).
- to “refuse profane and old wives’ fables” (1 Tim. 4:7); to “avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the Law; for they are unprofitable and vain” (Titus 3:9).
- to reject “a man that is an heretic after the first and second admonition; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself” (1 Tim. 3:10-11).
- To “study to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).
- to “teach no other doctrine” (1 Tim. 1:3) and, to avoid “foolish and unlearned questions,

Sound Doctrine prevents Strong Delusion

Dispensational Theology produces Spiritual Discernment

Spiritual Discernment is the Cure for End Time Deceptions