

BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHING
COLOSSIANS 2:16-23

Introduction:

False Teaching is any idea that adds to, takes away from, contradicts, or nullifies the teaching given in the Word of God. For example, any teaching about Jesus that denies His virgin birth is false teaching because it contradicts the clear teaching of Scripture.

I. False Teaching that Invades the Church

- A. Legalism** (vv. 16-17)
- B. Mysticism** (vv. 18-19)
- C. Asceticism** (vv. 20-23)

II. Forms of False Teaching

- A. Baptismal Regeneration**
- B. There is No God** (God does not exist)
- C. Universalism**
- D. All Roads Lead to Heaven** (more than one way to Heaven)
- E. Prosperity Gospel** (also called Name It and Claim It)

III. Consequences of False Teaching

- A.** It is as **Dangerous** today as it was in Paul's days
- B.** It deceives people
- C.** It gives a false hope of Heaven (Matt 7:21-23)
- D.** It perverts the Gospel (Gal 1:6-9)

IV. How to be on Guard Against False Teaching

- A. Examine what is said and test it against the Scripture.**
- B. Know that God would never want His Word to deceive His purposes.**
- C. Handle God's Truth rightly**
- D. "Warning" False Teachers have led multitudes to hell" – (Evangelical Outreach)**
- E. "Today's Church cannot remain faithful if it tolerates false teachers and leaves their teachings uncorrected and unopposed" – Albert Mohler**
- F. "There was a time when people went to church, heard the truth and wept over their sins. Today ... people go to church, hear a motivational speech, and ignore their sins" - Anonymous**

Conclusion:

- A. Beware of False Teaching** - it is ungodly and destructive.
- B.** "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).
- C. Song: "Everybody Talkin Bout Heaven Ain't Going There"**
 - ◆ Where will you spend eternity? Do not allow False Teachers/False Teachings to cheat you out of Heaven.
- D. Romans Road (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).