

"FALSE TEACHERS"

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I John 1:1 records that **there are false teachers who appear to be religious**. The Bible warns that one must "check them out or be misled.

Matthew 7:15,16 records that false teachers will **appear to be in sheep's clothing**, but inside they are ferocious wolves. They must be tested.

Matthew 15:9 records that some false teachers lead others falsely by teaching the **traditions** (rules and commands) of man.

I Timothy 4:1-3 states that in latter times **some will depart from the faith** and turn into false teachers.

II Timothy 4:3 gives forewarning concerning those promoting false teachings, by rejecting sound doctrine and **seeking that which is not God's**.

Titus 1:11 says that some will teach **false doctrine in order to obtain dishonest gain**.

II Peter 2:1-3 gives warning of those who will **secretly promote false teachings**.

Most well meaning Church going people are not very much "into the Bible". Thus, they are **not able to "spot" false doctrine** (erroneous, inaccurate, improper, not valid, incorrect, mistaken, untrue, faulty, wrong, dishonest, and misleading). Most put a great amount of trust in their Sunday School Teacher and Preacher as being truthful religious leaders. In fact, some are very highly insulted if a friend of another religious persuasion suggests that it is possible that they may be "being misled".

However John 12:48 teaches that it will be by the **Word Of God that will judge us on the last day (Romans 14:12)**. Thus, one should become a serious student of the Word Of God in an attempt to KNOW what God wants us to believe and do to be saved.

Possibly **one of the most common erroneous doctrines** promoted today is "**How One Is Saved**". Many promote a **false doctrine** by teaching, Just ask Jesus into one's heart and tell Him (Jesus) you are sorry for your sins. This is normally referred to as the "**Sinners' Prayer**". Don't get short changed by following this doctrine. The **Bible teaches** that one must:

- 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (Acts 16:31) 2) Repent Of Sins (Acts 17:30)
- 3) Confess Christ Audibly (Acts 8:37) 4) Be Baptized In Water (Acts 2:38)
- 5) Live A Christian Life (Acts 14:22) 6) Be Active In The Church (Acts 2:47)

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