

Jerusalem: “And They Continued Steadfastly”

Acts 2:42

Continued Steadfastly

- "Steadfastly" means "to be strong towards, to endure in, or persevere in, to be continually steadfast with a person or thing," (Vine's Expository Dictionary, Volume I, page 236)
- The lesson is that the early disciples adhered to the teaching of the apostles.

Identifying The Apostles' Doctrine

- Came from Christ. Luke 10:16; 1 Cor. 14:37; Gal. 1:11-12
- By revelation of the Holy Spirit. Eph. 3:1-5; John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14
- Apostles were ambassadors. 2 Cor. 5:20; John 17:8,14,18; 1 Thess 4:8
- Earthen vessels. 2 Cor. 4:7; "My gospel" 2 Tim. 2:8, "committed to my trust" 1 Tim. 1:11

The Seriousness Of Going Beyond

2 John 9

“Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God:

He that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son.”

What Is The “Doctrine Of Christ”?

- Is it “doctrine” about Christ?
OR
- Is it “doctrine” from Christ?
- Consider “doctrine of Balaam,” & “doctrine of Nicolaitans” (Revelation 2:14-15)
- Doctrine of Christ = Apostles' Doctrine

Gospel, Doctrine, The Faith

- Preach or Teach...
 - No other gospel. Gal. 1:6-9
 - No other doctrine. 1 Tim. 1:3
 - The faith. Jude 3
- Conduct.
 - Live as becometh the gospel. Phil. 1:27
 - Adorn the doctrine. Titus 2:9-10
 - Adhere to the faith. 1 Tim. 3:9

Gospel, Doctrine, The Faith

- Continue in...
 - The Apostles' doctrine. Acts 2:42
 - The gospel. 1 Cor. 15:1ff
 - The faith. Col. 1:23
- Obey...
 - The gospel. 2 Thess. 1:7-8
 - The form of doctrine. Rom. 6:17
 - The faith. Acts 6:7

Gospel, Doctrine, The Faith Same Body Of Truth

Acts 13

- Sergius Paulus desired to hear "the word of God." verse 7
- Elymas sought to turn him "from the faith" verse 8
- Sergius Paulus was "astonished at the doctrine of the Lord." verse 12

- No such thing as the "doctrines" of the Lord.

- See. Matthew 15:1-14

False Teaching Will Come...

- Jesus warned. Matthew 7:15; 24:4-5
- Apostles warned.
 - Acts 20:29-30 Some of Ephesian elders would speak perverse things.
 - 2 Cor. 11:13-15 Satan has ministers.
 - 1 Tim. 4:1-3 Some would depart from the faith.
 - 2 Tim. 4:1-4 Men would turn from the faith.
 - 2 Pet. 2:1-3 False teachers would come.
 - 1 John 4:1-3 False prophets gone out into the world.

What must we do when false teaching comes???

- Prove all things. 1 Thess. 5:21-22; Rev. 2:2; Acts 18:25-26
- Hold to the faithful word- Reprove false teachers. Titus 1:9; 2:1
- No longer be tossed to and fro. Eph. 4:14
- Not be carried away. Heb. 13:9
- Not be spoiled by traditions of men. Col. 2:8

How is the teaching determined?

- Not determined by motive of teacher.
 - Phil. 1:15-18
Motive Wrong- Teaching right.
 - Gal. 1:13-14; Acts 23:1; 26:9; 1 Tim. 1:13
Motive right- Teaching wrong.

Beware when the teaching is contrary to truth!!!

- 2 Pet. 2:1-2 Promotes destructive heresies- ***opposed*** truth. (Cf. 1:19-21)
- Rom. 16:17 Cause division/stumbling ***contrary*** to doctrine learned.
- 1 Tim. 1:3,10-11 Another doctrine, ***contrary*** to sound doctrine.
- Gal. 1:6-9 ***Contrary*** doctrine prohibited (even though teacher is an angel or apostle -Gal. 2:11-14)

NOTE: **False prophet assessed by his teaching, not by his moral character or motive.** 1 John 4:1,6

What am I to do?

- Learn how to know them.
 - Try their teaching by the Scriptures. 1 John 4:1; Acts. 17:11.
 - Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos more perfectly. Acts 18:26
- Contend for truth against error. Jude 3-4
 - Paul & Barnabas did. Acts 15:1-2
 - Paul rebuked Peter. Gal. 2:11
- Never give way by subjection. Gal. 2:4-5

What am I to do?

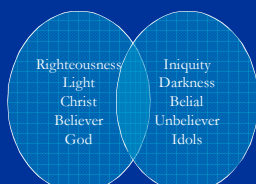
- No fellowship.
 - Eph. 5:11-12 Rather even reprove them.
 - Rom. 16:17-18 Mark and avoid.
 - Titus 3:9-10 Refuse.
 - 2 John 7-11 Receive not.
- Teach the truth in love. Eph. 4:16
"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one." Col. 4:6

Disaster of allowing false teaching to be taught in the church...

- "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump" Gal. 5:9
- Warning given to Pergamum. Rev. 2:14-17
- Elders warned of destructive effects. Acts 20:27-32
- Lessons learned from history. Jer. 23:16-17, 21,25
- NOTE: All the high morals and ideals that a false teacher may possess cannot make his false doctrine truth. cf. 1 Tim. 4:16

It does make a difference that we are different. 1 Pet. 2:9-10; Eph. 5:11

NOT THIS:



BUT THIS:



"Come ye out... Be ye separate..." 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1