

# ***Teaching Sound Doctrine Lessons on Clearing The Confusion***

## ***Progressive Doctrine***

Progressive doctrine known to some as liberal doctrine has over the years been allowed to creep into the church and has slowly eaten away at the moral fibers that once were the foundation of God fearing people. Christ said *Mat:7:15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves*. Paul reinforced this when he said in *Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock*.

When you look at the world in which we live and the amount of not just denominational error but even error in what was once sound and faithful congregations of the Lord's church is it any wonder why there are just a handful of sound assemblies in today. Warnings have been given throughout the scriptures. Simply read *2Tim:4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*

Satan through the cunning craftiness of evil progressive doctrine has led many away from God like sheep to the slaughter. All the while there has been a true pattern a blueprint as it were to lead men into all truth. This progressive doctrine teaches men to follow their feelings ignoring the truth thus allowing them to chase after their own lusts and beliefs. Peter explained it well when he said in *2Pe 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of*.

Immoral standards that just fifty or so years ago would never be accepted and would require harsh punishment are now winked at and allowed to continue not only in the world but in some churches today. It is not just the immorality of the homosexual movement, people just living together, children having children it includes all the immoral acts of men. It is also just as immoral to embrace the

changing of Gods word to fit something you want to believe as it is to embrace sexual acts condemned by God. We have been warned of this in *1Ti 4:1-2 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;* The concept of true morality has been thrown out the window and replaced with evil and dangerous doctrines of acceptance in the name of love.

True love is more than just an emotion, it involves caring about those around you enough to be tough when necessary. What most today define as love is really just an act if you ask me and I will tell you why. Love has been redefined so that it no longer includes correction, rebuke or reproof of any kind. Most people today think that love is overlooking the sins of others and just trying to see the good in all people. They tell you that love will not allow chastisement. Preachers and teachers are often accused of lacking love because they rebuke and reprove. If anybody lacks love they are nothing, but by the redefinition of love today you are told that rebuke and reproof do not manifest true love and so the watering down of the word begins.

Preaching and teaching the hard things the whole counsel of God is done out of the love for souls and the truth of God. Today the progressive will not tell you that one way God shows his love is by chastening (Heb. 12:6), and parents do the same (Prov. 13:24). True love necessitates chastisement. True love will not compromise truth or overlook wrong. The progressive is a flatterer and the compromiser's are the ones who lack true love. They are only interested in themselves.

Progressive doctrine has twisted the true meaning of love completely out of shape and context. Continually redefining the meaning of Gods word to fit any and all desire a man may wish to have. If that isn't enough the whole word of God is completely ignored by more and more today.

We need to go back to building on the proper foundation and also go back to calling things what they are if a thing is evil it should be called evil. We for too long have sat by and let the foundations of our beliefs be undermined by progressive doctrines and the men who proclaim them. When the progressive tries to make you believe you can fellowship one who is in error and teaches a false doctrine we should stand up right then and openly rebuke him. If he is not willing to follow the pattern God has set for His people then this one should be marked and put out from among us Paul said in *Rom\_16:17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them..* Sadly today most do not even understand what true heresy is and have no idea of the danger they are putting

themselves in.

Those who stand against such evil doctrines are the ones who get the blame for division among the brethren which is completely opposite of the way it should be. Jesus made it clear when He said in *Joh 15:18-19* *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.*

It is a lack of study, preaching and teaching against these doctrines and men who proclaim them that so many have gone astray. It is also clear that there is a lack of desire to make waves and stand on the truth of Gods word. There is only one way that the true church Christ established is going to grow and that is when each and every Christian resolves within themselves to put on his armor pick up his sword the word of God and proclaim it in its plain simple truth. Could it be that we have forgotten the words of Paul in *Eph 6:10-7* *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

It is my humble opinion that those who spinelessly sit by and watch, deserve what ever fate they receive but for those who go into battle for and with the word of God a great reward awaits us not because we were so strong but because we were obedient and willing to do our duty. I can not repeat this enough YOU have to stand for and on the everlasting word of our Lord or perish. There are souls to be saved and we must be the ones to teach them about the evils of progressivism.

Progressiveism whether it be political or religious is the most destructive reasoning known to man. Satan has been having a field day with the liberal mindset and progressive thinking for far too long. Political liberalism has almost destroyed our country and religious liberals will not be happy till they destroy God's church. Just as bad as liberalism is the apathy and fear of those who claim to be Christians. The fear of being put down or scoffed at and the attitude that I have done my part I am saved is just as dangerous.

We are a called out people. We are to be different. We are to take a stand on the word of God and be immovable. I ask you do you see that in your fellow

Christians today? Do you see it in yourself? Peter explained perfectly for us in *1Pe 2:9-12* *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

I am not saying all Christians are this way, but far too many are of the mind that God is going to fight all the battles and they have no part in the defense of the word. Far too many have been led down the primrose path staring out through rose colored glasses. The wolves are no longer at the door they are inside devouring the sheep all around us. Simply read *Hos\_4:6* this is a major problem today's as it was then. *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

Do we not truly reap what we sow? Some Christians are seed planters, others water that seed so it will grow. If we take seriously the command to spread the Good News surely God will give the increase. When persecution came upon those of the first century by Saul what happened? *Acts 8:3-4 ASV* says *But Saul laid waste the church, entering into every house, and dragging men and women committed them to prison. They therefore that were scattered abroad, went about preaching the word.*

Could it be that we have become more like the Thessalonians than those of Berea. Do we truly search the word today to be sure what is taught is in accordance with the will of God?

Folks if you just keep standing there doing nothing you are part of the problem not the solution! Liberalism will eat you alive and take away your salvation. You must wake up and go into battle you can't hide in your church house and be safe any longer.

I implore you get up go out with the full armor of God and fight the good fight. The souls of others and your very soul depend on it