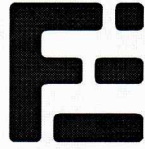


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FRESH ENCOUNTER

VIGILANT FOR TRUTH

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"Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. 10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: 11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. 12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. 13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith; 14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. 15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." (Titus 1:9-16)

INTRODUCTION

- Paul wrote letter to Titus (Gentile)
- he sent Titus as pastor in Crete
- Acts 11:19-21 After ~~St Paul's~~ Stephen's death, Christians scattered north to big islands of eastern Mediterranean
- * Cyprus & Crete largest islands in eastern Mediterranean Sea
- * Crete island of ancient Minoans

1. CLING TO RIGHT doctrine (v. 9)

- 1 Pet 1:10-11 times of Christ's sufferings & Christ's glory - central to gospel
- Hold on tight to Scripture (Word of God)
 - A. The foundation of Leadership - based on Bible
 - all leaders MUST stand on Scripture
 - B. The function of Leadership
 - 2 Tim 4:2 reprove, rebuke, exhort
 - 2 Tim 3:16 Scripture to teaching doctrine, to reprove, correct, instruct

2. CONFRONT FALSE Teachers (v. 10-11)

- many unruly, or vain talkers, or deceivers
- 1 Jn 4:1 test demon spirits & false prophets
 - A. Their message - gospel + some self work
 - Mk 13:22 false Christs & false prophets
 - B. Their motivation
 - dishonest gain for money

3. CORRECT ERRING Believers (v. 12-16)

- Tit 1:12 quote from Epimenides (ancient Greek philosopher) / Greek Stoic
- God demands progress in living right
 - A. Their Culture Required correction
 - called liars, lazy gluttons, evil beasts
 - B. Purity Is Never partial
 - nothing pure to defiled mind/conscience
 - C. Denial Is Evident through deeds (actions)
 - false prophets deny God in their actions

CONCLUSION

- Do not listen fables or commands of men or speculations
- false prophets: ~~sheep~~ wolves in sheep's clothing, teach damnable heresies, reprobate (without morals), sinful lifestyle



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