

"A RIGHTEOUS RESPONSE TO FALSE TEACHERS"

ROMANS 16:17-20

I. THE RESPONSE OF ANY REGENERATE NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER TOWARD ANY FALSE TEACHER IS A MANDATED RESPONSE WHICH COMES TO US IN THE FORM OF TWO DIRECTIVES (16:17)

A. False Teachers Are To Be Marked (16:17a)

1. Because They Deviate From The Fixed, Objective Body Of Once For All Revealed Truth.
2. Because When They Teach Doctrines Contrary To The Fixed Body Of Revealed Truth, The Consequence Of That Teaching Is Inevitably Division.

B. False Teachers Are To Be Avoided (16:17b)

II. THE REASONS FOR THE MANDATED RESPONSE REGARDING FALSE TEACHERS ARE FOURFOLD BY DESIGN (16:18-20)

A. False Teachers Have Sinister Motives: Look At The Object Of Their Service (16:18a)

B. False Teachers Consequently Preach Tidings That Are Inherently Destructive: Look At The Result Of Their Teaching (16:18b)

C. False Teachers Must Not Be Allowed To Silence The Child Of God: Look At What Is At Stake Regarding Our Testimony (16:19)

D. False Teachers Are Doomed To Irrevocable Judgment: Look At Whom They Are In League With (16:20)

"THE FAITH"

I. THE FAITH IS WHAT THE EARLIEST NEW TESTAMENT CHURCHES WERE ESTABLISHED IN.

"And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." (Acts 16:5)

II. THE FAITH IS UNIVERSAL IN SCOPE AND PROPOGATION.

"By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name" (Romans 1:5)

III. THE FAITH IS WORTHY OF THE BELIEVER'S CONCENTRATED EFFORTS TO ENDURE AND CONTINUE IN IT.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." (I Corinthians 16:13)

"...and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22)

IV. THE FAITH IS BORN WITNESS TO IN DAILY LIFE, PARTICULARLY AS WE FULFILL OUR OBLIGATIONS TO OTHERS.

"But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel." (I Timothy 5:8)

V. THE FAITH IS A "MYSTERY" WHICH WILL BE DEPARTED FROM IN THE LAST DAYS.

"Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience 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" (I Timothy 3:9; 4:1)

VI. THE FAITH IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3)

VII. THE FAITH IS THE RALLYING POINT OF REAL CHRISTIAN LOVE AND UNITY.

"Greet them that love us in the faith ..." (Titus 3:15)