

“And They Continued Steadfastly”

Acts 2:42

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Continued Steadfastly

- “Steadfastly” *proskartereo* “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.

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Identifying The Apostles’ Doctrine

- Came from Christ. Luke 10:16; 1 Corinthians 14:37; Galatians 1:11-12
- By revelation of Holy Spirit. Ephesians 3:1-5; John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14
- Apostles were ambassadors. 2 Corinthians 5:20; John 17:8,14,18; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Thessalonians 4:8
- Earthen vessels. 2 Corinthians 4:7; “My gospel” 2 Timothy 2:8, “committed to my trust” 1 Timothy 1:11

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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.”

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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

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Gospel, Doctrine, The Faith

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

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Gospel, Doctrine, The Faith

- Continue in ...
 - The Apostles' doctrine. Acts 2:42
 - The gospel. 1 Corinthians 15:1ff
 - The faith. Colossians 1:23
- Obey ...
 - The gospel. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-8
 - The form of doctrine. Romans 6:17
 - The faith. Acts 6:7

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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 (KJV)*

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■ No such thing as the “doctrines”
of the Lord.

■ See. Matthew 15:1-14

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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 Corinthians 11:13-15 Satan has ministers.
 - 1 Timothy 4:1-3 Some would depart from the faith.
 - 2 Timothy 4:1-4 Men would turn from the faith.
 - 2 Peter 2:1-3 False teachers would come.
 - 1 John 4:1-3 False prophets gone out into the world.

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What must we do when false teaching comes???

- Prove all things. 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; Revelation 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. Ephesians 4:14
- Not be carried away. Hebrews 13:9
- Not be spoiled by traditions of men. Colossians 2:8

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How is the teaching determined?

- Not determined by motive of teacher.
 - Philippians 1:15-18
Motive Wrong – Teaching right.
 - Galatians 1:13-14; Acts 23:1; 26:9; 1 Timothy 1:13
Motive right – Teaching wrong.

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Beware when the teaching is contrary to truth!!!

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

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

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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. Galatians 2:11
- Never give way by subjection. Galatians 2:4-5

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What am I to do?

- No fellowship.
 - Ephesians 5:11-12 Rather even reprove them.
 - Romans 16:17-18 Mark and avoid.
 - Titus 3:9-10 Refuse.
 - 2 John 7-11 Receive not.
- Teach the truth in love. Ephesians 4:16

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.” Colossians 4:6

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

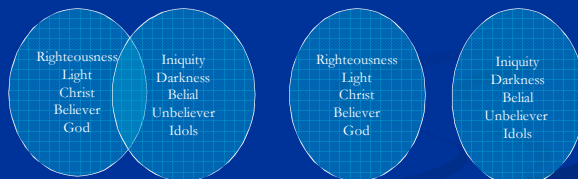
- *“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump” Galatians 5:9*
- Warning given to Pergamum. Revelation 2:14-17
- Elders warned of destructive effects. Acts 20:27-32
- Lessons learned from history. Jeremiah 23:16-17, 21,25
- NOTE: All the high morals and ideals that a false teacher may possess cannot make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

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

NOT THIS:

BUT THIS:



**“Come ye out ... Be ye separate ...”
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1**