

knowledge or power. Others more subtly put on "sheep's clothing" (Mt. 7:15) and exhibit a superficial beauty of form and purpose but deny the Lord who bought them (2 Pet. 2:1).

Having no absolute standards of truth because they reject the infallibility of the Bible, they naturally are constantly changing their position and are thus said to be "carried about by the winds" (Jude 12). Do not many present-day preachers fall into this category? They thunder in their pulpits and give out high-sounding promises of thirst-quenching truth, but they leave the hearts of men parched deserts of death.

Because such "ravenous wolves" (Mt. 7:15) have disguised themselves as sheep and infiltrated the flock, we ought to heed the admonition of Jude, "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God" (vv.20-21). --Henry G. Bosch

*Holy Bible, book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine:
Mine to tell me whence I came,
Mine to teach me what I am. --Burton*

**To avoid being pulled into error,
Keep a firm grip on the truth.**



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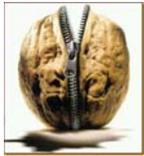
Unclouded Truth

They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds. --Jude 1:12.

The book of Jude contains one of the most vivid and interesting descriptions of apostate teachers. These people who heap up for themselves the severe and certain judgment of God (v.4) are likened to "clouds without water" (v.12).

Such individuals claim to be heavenly messengers with superior





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

SHEEP and IMITATIONS

Romans 16:17-20 raises questions that demand answers:

1. How do some people come to different conclusions regarding the Scripture? verses 17-18

(Philippians 3:18-19) "For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: {19} whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame; who set their mind on earthly things."

(2 Peter 3:16) "... in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures."

(1 Corinthians 2:14) "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

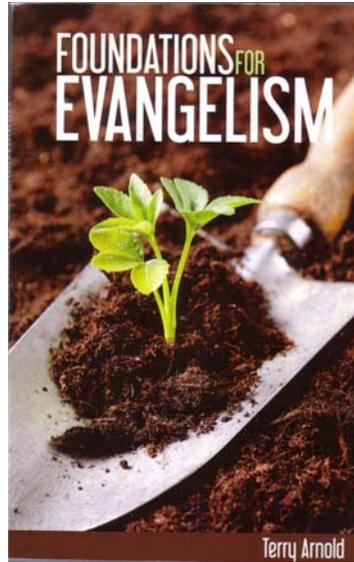
(2 Peter 2:12-14) "But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, {13} and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, {14} having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children."

(Acts 20:29-30) "'For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. {30} 'Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.'"

(Matthew 7:15) "'Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.'"

2. Why are these people so dangerous? verses 17-18

- ◆ They _____ the body of Christ,
- ◆ They _____ Christians, 14:2-21
- ◆ They _____ the naïve,



(2 Corinthians 11:13-14) "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. {14} And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light."

3. How does God want us to relate to such people? Verse 17

(Titus 3:10) "Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition,"

(2 Timothy 2:16-18) "But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. {17} And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, {18} who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some."



4. Where do we get the courage to do that? Verses 19-20

- ◆ A heart of _____, verse 19
- ◆ Sourcing the _____ of God, verse 20a

(Revelation 2:27) "'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'; as I also have received from My Father;"

- ◆ Sourcing the _____ of God, Verse 20b

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

