



PAUL'S
LETTER
TO

Responding to False Theology

Titus 1:10-16

¹⁰For there are many rebellious people who engage in useless talk and deceive others. This is especially true of those who insist on circumcision for salvation. ¹¹They must be silenced, because they are turning whole families away from the truth by their false teaching. And they do it only for money. ¹²Even one of their own men, a prophet from Crete, has said about them, "The people of Crete are all liars, cruel animals, and lazy gluttons." ¹³This is true. So reprimand them sternly to make them strong in the faith. ¹⁴They must stop listening to Jewish myths and the commands of people who have turned away from the truth. ¹⁵Everything is pure to those whose hearts are pure. But nothing is pure to those who are corrupt and unbelieving, because their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

1. Paul says that those who are focused on legalism claim to know Christ but deny Him by the way they live. Meaning that their efforts to earn salvation discredit the grace of Christ, proving they have no relationship with Him. In light of that, do you know Christ? Is it evident by the way you live? Or do you deny Christ by the way you live? How do you view the "good that you do? As an obligation to please God or as a response in gratitude to his grace? Where do you need to let go of your own effort and learn to depend on Christ?
Isaiah 64:6, Matthew 7:21-23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 11:28-30, Isaiah 64:6, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Matthew 5:13-16
2. In this text, we see that the false teachers violate every one of the foundations of our Christ faith. They discredit Scripture, they add to grace, they ignore faith, they add to Jesus, and they seek to give themselves all the glory. Who receives the glory in your life? Does your life make Christ known or does it make you known? Where is sordid gain a risk in your walk with the Lord, in your career, or in your ministry?
Romans 11:36, 1 Corinthians 10:31

3. We see in the text today that false teaching begins with rebellion men who have a disdain for the Word of God and refuse to submit to the authority Word of God. Where are you rebellious? Are there areas in your life that you are not submitting to the Truth of God's Word. Is the Word of God the ultimate authority in your life?

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin, on Him, was laid
Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world, by darkness, slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave, He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of Hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here, in the power of Christ, I'll stand