

“GUARD WHAT WAS COMMITTED TO YOUR TRUST”

I Tim. 6:20

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Timothy had been entrusted with the gospel, and he was told to guard it.
2. Paul said he was set for the DEFENSE of the gospel – Phil. 1: 17.
3. Every Christian is to guard the gospel – Jude 3.
4. We must diligently guard the gospel TODAY . . .

II. TODAY WE ARE LIVING IN PERILOUS TIMES; WE MUST BE ON GUARD

- a. There has always been danger:
 - i. Christ and the Apostles warned – Matt. 16: 6, 12; Matt. 7: 15 – 20; Acts 20: 28 – 31; I Tim. 4: 1 – 6; 2 Pet. 2: 1 – 3; 2 Tim. 4: 2 – 5.
 - ii. The early Christians let down their guard – 2 Thess. 2:7.
 1. The result – the Catholic church.
 - iii. The Pioneers failed to guard.
 1. The result – the Christian church.
 - iv. Our generation failed to guard.
 1. Resulting in another denomination coming into existence.
 - v. TODAY we must ever be on guard.

III. WHAT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH MUST GUARD:

- a. The GOSPEL OF CHRIST – Rom. 1:16.
 - i. The first principles – Heb. 5:12.
 1. Faith in Christ – Acts 8:37; Mk. 16:15 – 16.
 2. Repentance – Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38.
 3. Confession – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32.
 4. Baptism – I Pet. 3:21; Acts 22:16.
 - ii. The Second law of pardon:
 1. Repent – Acts 8:22.
 2. Confess Sins – I John 1:9.
 3. Pray – Acts 8:22; James 5:16.
 - iii. Godly living must be guarded – Tit. 2:11 -12; I John 2: 15 – 17; I Pet. 2:1 – 2.
- b. The CHURCH OF THE LORD must be guarded—Acts 20: 28 – 31.
 - i. The Organization of the church – Local church – Acts 14: 23; Phil. 1:1; Rom. 16:16.
 - ii. There is no organization between the local congregation and the church universal – we must guard this ground.
- c. The WORSHIP of the Church – John 4:24.
 - i. Acts of Worship:
 1. Prayer – Acts 2:42.
 2. Teaching – Acts 20:7.
 3. Lord’s Supper – Acts 20:7.
 4. Giving – I Cor. 16: 1 – 2.
 5. Singing – Eph. 5:19.
 - ii. In years gone by, the instrument of music was brought into the Worship. . .

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