

# NOT EVERYTHING YOU HEAR IS SCRIPTURAL

## Lesson 8

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#### INTRODUCTION

1. This is the eighth lesson on this subject.
2. These lessons are designed to help us understand the religious error that is being taught in the world as though it is truth.

#### I. YOU HEAR MANY SAY, "PREACH THE GOSPEL AND LET OTHERS ALONE."

1. When Jesus encountered a man with an unclean devil in the synagogue at Capernaum, the unclean devil, or demon, cried out with a loud voice, "*Let us alone.*" -- Luke 4: 33 - 37.
2. The Devil and his followers make the same cry today.
3. People who teach doctrinal error cry, "*Let us alone*" in the church, and in denominationalism.
4. It is impossible to preach the gospel and let people and false religion alone -- II Tim. 4:2; Eph. 5:11; I Tim. 1:3; I Tim. 5:20.
5. Let us test a few points of the gospel and see if we can preach the truth and let others alone.

#### II. PREACH ON THE GODHEAD AND LET OTHERS ALONE.

1. Preach that there are three persons in the Godhead -- Matt. 28: 19 - 20; I John 5:7.
  - (1) People in some Pentecostal churches are offended -- they teach that there is but ONE person in the Godhead.
2. Teach "*In six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is. . .*" -- Ex. 20:11.
  - (1) You have offended the evolutionist.
  - (2) The Evolutionist says it evolved billions of years.
3. To preach Christ, you may offend many:
  - (1) Preach that He was born of a virgin -- Matt. 1: 18 - 23. The Modernist is offended.
  - (2) Preach that He is the Son of God -- John 3:16; Lk. 1: 35. The Jew is offended.
  - (3) Preach that He is the Head of the church and has all authority -- Eph. 1: 22 - 23; Matt. 28:18. The Roman Catholic is offended. He thinks the Pope is the head of the church.
  - (4) Preach His baptism -- Mat. 3:16. Those who sprinkle are offended.
  - (5) Preach what Jesus said the purpose of Baptism is -- Mk. 16:16. The denominational world is offended.
  - (6) Preach that He died for all -- Heb. 2:9. Those who believe in "limited atonement" are offended.
4. To preach the Holy Spirit you offend many.
  - (1) He works through the Word to bring about conversion -- Ps. 19:7; John 6: 44 - 45.
  - (2) Preach that He has once for all delivered God's revelation to man, and those who believe in "latter day revelation" are offended -- Jude 3.

#### III. YOU CANNOT PREACH THE PLAN OF SALVATION AND LET OTHERS ALONE.

1. Preach that the plan of salvation is found in the Word of God -- II Tim. 3: 16 - 17 -- and those who believe in the direct operation of the Spirit are offended.
2. Preach that it must be obeyed -- II Thess. 1: 8 - 9; Heb. 5: 8 - 9 -- and those who believe in "faith only" are offended.

3. Preach eternal punishment if you refuse to obey -- II Thess. 1: 7 - 9 -- and the "annihilation" people are offended.

#### IV. PREACH ON THE CHURCH AND YOU CANNOT LET OTHERS ALONE.

1. Preach that there is just ONE church -- Matt. 16:18 -- and ALL denominational people are offended.
2. Preach that the work of the church is three-fold: Evangelism, benevolence, and edification -- and many brethren are offended.
3. Preach that the church is sufficient (local congregation) -- Phil. 1:1 -- and many brethren are offended.

#### CONCLUSION

1. Many times when we hear the truth it hurts -- Heb. 4:12; Acts 2:37; Acts 7: 54.
2. We must not be ashamed of it -- Rom. 1:16.