

“True Christianity- On the Endangered List?” 4/26/09

1 Timothy 4:1-5

POINT 1- To understand the endangerment we need to know the BACKGROUND

- A. The background shows us that many will depart from THE FAITH (1 Tim 4:1-5; false teachings and forms of asceticism; 1 John 4:1)
 - 1) 60% deny Satan’s reality; 2) 40% say Jesus sinned; 3) 60% that the Holy Spirit is just symbol; 4) 40% Bible, Quran, BoM same
- B. The background shows us that there will be an APOSTASY (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3; “revolt; defection” from the truth)
 - 1) Lesbian pastor of Episcopal church who endorses all abortion named president of EDS; 2) Netherlands church fails to remove atheist pastor; 3) 51% of all mainline denomination clergy support abortion rights; 4) 65% support homosexual marriage or unions
- C. The background shows us that there will be ITCHING EARS (2 Timothy 4:1-5; ear tickling teachers will be desired)
 - 1) Market driven methods (light sermons; drama; comedy); 2) Emergent church (contextualization); 3) Prosperity teaching; 4) Social gospel
- D. The background shows us that there will be FALSE TEACHERS (Matthew 24:11; 2 Peter; Jude 1)

Going Deeper God wants you to be aware and to understand the times!

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Mat 7:13-14)

POINT 2- To understand the endangerment we need to know our RESPONSE

- A. The response we need to be striving for is to deny OURSELVES (2 Timothy 4:2; preach the Word; seek to go deeper)
- B. The response we need is to study and be nonprofessional THEOLOGIANS (2 Timothy 2:15; Deut 6:4-7; Hebrews 5:12-6:2; can you name 66?)

Going Deeper God wants you to know that we live by the Word of God! (Matt 4:4)