

If Ye Continue In My Word John 8:20-31

Jesus just spoken to Jews in treasury of temple. Many believed on him - **John 8:31**
There is a noise of recent times that there is a need to re-evaluate our understanding and application of the scriptures
Some within think church is living in past & must change its concepts
Based on unfounded idea that church must meet present day needs

The Bible Teaches Us The Desire Of Our Lord

Jesus taught to convince listeners words he spoke not His but Fathers - **John 12:49; 17:8**
Not accepting the Word has long been a failing of man - **Genesis 3:1-7; Judges 2:16-17; Galatians 1:6-7**

What Motivates People To Pervert Law Of God?

Why do they think that which they espouse is the way
Think it should be taught even to extent of destroying peace
And harmony of those who seek to obey the will of God
How will the church react to the growing number of false teachers and their error that is drawing faithful Christians away?
How long will God tolerate this misleading of his people?
Such questions should weigh upon the minds of faithful Christians

Answer Must Be Grounded In The Truth Of The Word

The people who live faithfully belong to God.
David acknowledged this great truth in prayer - **1Chronicles 29:10-19; Psalm 89:11**
The apostle Paul in warning the church in Corinth quoted - **Psalm 24:1**
God owns our spirits ... demands total obedience to his word - **Ecclesiastes 12:7; Genesis 2:16-17; Exodus 19:5; Deuteronomy 13:4; Acts 5:29; Hebrews 5:9; Isaiah 45:21-22**

Perversion Of God's Law Is Sin And Brings Condemnation

Paul confronted Elymas sorcerer who tried to prevent teaching of gospel
Sergius Paulus called Barnabas and Saul desiring to hear word
Efforts of Elymas caused Paul to name him child of devil & enemy of righteousness, perverter of right ways of God - **Acts 13:9-10**
After conversion of Simon Sorcerer Peter chastised him
Peter said that Simon was desiring the gifts of certain powers conferred by the Holy Spirit through the apostles not for good - **Acts 8:23**
Both sought change what God instituted for own purposes - **Proverbs 3:5-6**
God condemned ancient Israel - **Hosea 10:13-14**
Those calling for changes in the church today trust in their own ways.
Paul warned Timothy of such in the last days - **2Timothy 3:1-7; 2Peter 3:3-7**

Church Reaction To Mounting Warfare Against Scriptures?

As always truth is taught in love, opposition met with thus sayeth the Lord
Problem is increase in those teaching false doctrines within church.
We have leaders who are not being leaders.
Have members not questioning or objecting to the false teachings.
All should contend for faith leaving no place for change agents - **Jude 3**

How long will God tolerate this misleading of elect?

Only God knows - **2Peter 2:4-10; John 8:31**

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