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Lesson 4: How Can You Know Who Is Right?

In our first study, we discovered the truth from Ephesians 4:1-6 that there is only one faith (system of religion) that is acceptable to God. We also discussed why there are so many different churches today and considered a brief overview of “church history.”

In our second study, we discovered that God expects and desires unity from those who profess to follow the Lord – and observed the simple fact that everyone can’t be right! There are many different beliefs, teachings, and practices in the religious world (even in so-called “Christianity”) – and they simply **cannot** all be right. God’s word is right and perfect and contains no conflicting doctrines. Instead, we discussed the truth that there is only one Way – and briefly discussed that Way.

In our third study, we evaluated several Bible examples to see that it is possible to be religious and still be wrong in God’s sight. Not only did we see that it is possible to be religious and still be wrong; but, we saw that it is possible to be a professing “Christian” and still be wrong in God’s sight. Then, we discovered the significance of believing the right things (doctrine) and doing the right things (deeds), emphasizing that God expects both from His people.

At this point in our study, I hope that you recognize that there is only “one faith” (according to Ephesians 4:5). This “one faith” refers to one system of religious belief, teaching, and practice that is acceptable to God. Up to this point in our study, our emphasis has been to observe that God does not approve of the thousands of different so-called “Christian” churches that are in existence today. We have seen that everyone cannot be approved of God. Now, in this lesson and in the final lesson of this study, I want us to be thinking about what we need to do with that information.

You may now understand that everyone cannot be right; but, may be having difficulty distinguishing between who is right and who is wrong. I hope that these final two lessons will help you get started in finding and following the Way of truth! Remember, Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6).

As we continue our study of “One Faith,” it is important for you to consider the question, “How can I know who is right?” This is important so that you are not led astray by those who teach false doctrine. This is also important so that you can join yourself to those who are doing what the Bible says – practicing New Testament Christianity (as we will discuss in lesson 5).

The Importance Of Knowing Who Is Right

So, why is it important to know who is right? That is, why is it important to know whether an individual or church stands for the truth of God’s word or for the ways of error?

As we consider these things, we need to develop an understanding of the great danger involved in religious error. If we view religious error as being “no big deal,” then we will be unconcerned with establishing who is right and who is wrong. So, let’s take a few moments to consider what the Bible says about the danger involved in religious error.

Religious error promotes a different gospel

Only the gospel of Jesus Christ is the “power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). Yet, religious error perverts the gospel of Jesus Christ – either by adding to it or taking away from it. Think about it. If someone taught exactly what the Bible teaches, he/she would be teaching truth. However, the moment that an individual changes God’s message, the result is error (because he/she is now either saying something the Bible does not say – or refusing to say something the Bible does say)! Both actions are condemned by God in Revelation 22:18-19: “For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

God simply does not want His saving message to be changed in any way! There is nothing that mankind can add to it that would make it more pleasing to God – and there is nothing God has said that He did not mean! Yet, there are many individuals and churches who will pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-9 warns about such: “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”

There are many false gospels being promoted among “Christian” churches today. The gospel of health and wealth, the social gospel, the faith only gospel, the once saved always saved gospel, and the postmodern gospel are just a few. Yet, religious error (whichever gospel it promotes) does not promote the pure and whole gospel of Jesus Christ – the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 1:3)!

Clearly, the Scriptures teach that there is no other acceptable gospel than the one true gospel God has revealed. And, there are clear consequences for following a false gospel. Therefore, you need to identify the way of truth because religious error promotes a different gospel besides the true gospel of Christ!

Religious error leads others into error

Religious error leads others into error as a direct result of the promotion of a false gospel. Notice what Peter wrote in 2 Peter 2:1-3: “But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”

Notice carefully that the false doctrines of these teachers were “destructive.” And, notice that their doctrines would not be publicly identified as such. Instead, these individuals would proclaim doctrines that they would claim to be true. However, they would actually be bringing in these “destructive heresies” secretly. Therefore, they would deceive many unsuspecting people to follow after their destructive ways!

Many times, the error that is promoted by these false teachers and false gospels is more appealing than the one true gospel of Jesus Christ. Often, folks are not willing to endure the teaching of the sound gospel and will desire for teachers to tell them what they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:3-4). However, there are also many times when honest-hearted individuals are deceived by these false teachers to believe that a false gospel is actually the way of truth. Therefore, you need to identify the way of truth because religious error is actively deceiving many people and leading them into error!

Religious error does not lead to the Father

There is only one Way to the Father – Jesus Christ. Again, in John 14:6, Jesus said, “I am the

way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

Clearly, Jesus Christ is the only way to the Father. But, what does it mean to follow Jesus Christ? In lesson 3 of this study, we discovered that both the things we do (our deeds) and the things we believe (doctrine) matter to God. We must both believe and do the right things in order to be acceptable to God. For instance, Jesus is said to be the author of eternal salvation to all who “obey Him” (Hebrews 5:9). Then, 2 John 1:9 informs us that if we do not “abide in the doctrine of Christ,” we do not have God!

I invite you to take a moment to consider the impact, then, that religious error will have on your soul’s salvation (as well as the salvation of others) – and to understand that religious error does not lead people to the Father through Jesus Christ! Instead, religious error often perverts the gospel’s plan of salvation. To be saved, the Bible teaches that we must: Hear God’s word (Romans 10:17), believe (John 8:24), repent of our sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ (Romans 10:9-10), be immersed in water (Acts 2:38), and remain faithful (Revelation 2:10). However, most churches today will teach “faith only,” a “Sinner’s Prayer,” salvation before baptism, infant baptism, baptism by sprinkling or pouring, and/or once saved, always saved doctrine.

While this is just a sample, please realize that religious error fails to lead individuals to the Father through Jesus Christ. Instead, of setting folks free from their sins (John 8:32), religious error keeps folks enslaved to their sins. Therefore, there will be many people who *thought* they were on a path that leads to the Father and eternal life in Heaven; only to find out that they were walking on a path that leads away from the Father and to eternal destruction in Hell (see Matthew 7:21-23). Therefore, you need to identify the way of truth because religious error fails to lead people to the Father through Jesus Christ!

Religious error creates a false sense of security

Those who are involved in religious error are being promised eternal life in Heaven (or some other promise). However, these are only false promises! As we have already seen, religious error does not

(generally) teach the gospel’s plan of salvation accurately – and it does not lead to the Father!

Still, this does not prevent false teachers from making false and empty promises about salvation and other matters. Remember what 2 Peter 2:1-3 warned about false teachers. Now, consider 2 Peter 2:17-19, as this passage demonstrates their work of making false promises: “These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage.”

False teachers cannot make true promises for salvation with false gospels! They can only offer false and empty promises for salvation. Unfortunately, many people are convinced by their “great swelling words of emptiness” and are brought into bondage through the false message being preached! Certainly, the thousands of religious organizations we have discussed which are not pleasing to God – are not all claiming to be false. Furthermore, they are all promising *something* to their members. Usually, this promise is concerning everlasting life in Heaven.

Therefore, those who are listening to these false teachers making false promises believe they are living in a way that pleases God and that will result in their eternal salvations. However, consider again what Jesus said in Matthew 7:21-23: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

Certainly, there will be many who will stand before Christ on the Day of Judgment from many “Christian” churches and hear these words – because they had been deceived by false teachers! Therefore,

you need to identify the way of truth because religious error creates a false sense of security!

Religious error causes religious division

Religious error does not lead to unity. Remember the passages that we studied in lesson 2 (John 17:20-23, 1 Corinthians 1:10, 1 Corinthians 12:25, and Philippians 1:27). All of these passages demonstrate that God expects unity! In addition, you should recall how Ephesians 4:1-6 teaches that God has created a system in which we can all be united!

However, the only way for religious unity to truly exist is when we all are united in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Again, Philippians 1:27 instructs that we “stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.” Our desire must be to be united in the one faith which is revealed in the message of God’s gospel!

In lesson 1, we observed how most of the religious division that exists in the world has been caused by religious error (either in teaching or in practice). Certainly, the world does not need any more religious division. Therefore, you need to identify the way of truth because religious error causes religious division.

Religious error causes the way of truth to be blasphemed

It is said that, “If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it to be truth.” This can easily be demonstrated in the religious world today. As we have already seen, there are thousands of religious organizations which are all claiming to follow Jesus Christ – but, claiming to follow Him in their own ways. Each one of these organizations have convinced others to follow their own interpretation of God’s word – and accept such as being truth.

Often times, though, it does not stop there. Not only will these organizations deceive others into believing a false system of religion. But, these organizations will also speak despairingly of those who are following the way of truth – with their true Bible doctrines and practices! Yet, this is just as Peter said would happen in 2 Peter 2:1-3. We have already noticed this passage and seen that Peter warns about false teachers who would secretly bring in

destructive doctrines. Now, I want you to focus on verse 2: “And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.”

Because of those who are promoting false gospels, those who are standing for the true gospel message often have evil things said about them – to try and ruin their reputations. Many people today have not only believed lies from false gospels about God’s requirements for salvation (i.e. faith only, a “Sinner’s prayer,” infant baptism, baptism as sprinkling/pouring, etc.); but, they have also believed lies about the true gospel’s plan of salvation (i.e. lies about baptism, lies about the church of Christ, lies about works, etc.). Therefore, you need to identify the way of truth because religious error causes the way of truth to be blasphemed.

Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness!

As you consider all of these spiritually harmful and deadly effects of religious error, it should be evident why you must avoid it! Therefore, you will need to spend time discovering who is teaching the truth.

But, before we consider how you can know who teaches the truth, understand that you must determine to have no participation in any of the works of evil that are associated with religious error! Consider the following passages.

Ephesians 5:11 says, “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.”

2 John 1:9-11 says, “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.”

Romans 16:17-18 says, “Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by

smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.”

Titus 3:9-11 says, “But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless. Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.”

So, what do all of these passages mean for your association with any church that teaches a false gospel or practices anything that is contrary to God’s word? These passages simply instruct you to get away from it! You must have “no fellowship” (zero joint-participation) with any of these works of darkness (evil) that are contrary to God’s word! Instead of going along with those who are teaching false gospels, you must be diligent to note and avoid them for teaching false gospels, and reject them as being divisive!

Test Everything!

I hope that you have a better appreciation for why you must know who is right – and about the dangers of religious error. Still, we have not discovered *how* you can know who is right and who is wrong. Does the Bible even help you know?

I believe that 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 gives us a few simple steps that (if followed) will help us to determine who is right and who is wrong – so that we can avoid religious error. The passage states: “Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”

Test

The instructions in 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 begin and center around the idea of putting things to the test. To “test” is to evaluate, scrutinize, and examine something so as to discover its true identity.

But, in order to evaluate, scrutinize, and examine things, we must have a standard. We simply are incapable of coming to any sort of conclusions about the thing being tested unless there is some sort of a standard to compare it by. For instance, if we

wanted to examine whether a \$20 bill we were given was legitimate or if it was counterfeit, we would need to use the right standard in order to make this determination. If we used another counterfeit bill to examine it by, we would not be able to come to the proper conclusion. However, if we used a genuine bill and observed the guidelines for official currency, we would be able to come to the proper conclusion about whether it was genuine or counterfeit (upon diligent evaluation of both the standard and the \$20 bill).

In the same way, when we are looking to follow the way of truth in order to please God and be saved, we must be using the right standard! There are many false standards that are used to justify religious beliefs and practices today. Family, friends, tradition, doctrines of men, opinions of men, our consciences, the Law of Moses – these are just a few of the false standards that people appeal to in order to evaluate religious beliefs and practices today. However, these standards will not enable you to come to an understanding of the truth!

Instead, the Bible is the *only* perfect guide in religion today. Remember that the faith is revealed in the pages of the gospel (Philippians 1:27). Therefore, you need to establish Bible authority (specifically, New Testament authority) for everything that is done! Now, please briefly consider that you can only establish Bible authority for something when there is (1) a direct command, (2) an approved Bible example, or (3) a forced conclusion. Without one of these three things, you do not have Bible authority for a practice.

For instance, if you wanted to find out who is right on the subject of baptism, you would need to read everything God says about the subject. Then, you would be able to know that baptism is commanded for salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16), that baptism for the remission of sins was practiced throughout the book of Acts (Acts chapters 2, 8, 9, 10, 16, 18, 19), and be forced to the conclusion that baptism was accomplished only by immersion in water (Acts 8:38-39; Romans 6:3-4). So, you have Bible authority established in this area – and know that only those religious organizations which practice baptism for the remission of sins by immersion in water are pleasing to God.

Test everything

Now that you understand what standard to use in evaluating things, let's consider what must be put to the test. Again, 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 says to test "all things." Nothing is to be excluded from this careful examination. Therefore, you must test what you believe – no matter who taught you (even if it was your parents, your preacher, a close friend, a spouse, etc.). You must test what you do – no matter how long you have done it, no matter who taught you to do it in that particular way, no matter how enjoyable it may be, no matter how much "good" it may seem to do, etc. Test everything – no exceptions! Remember, Galatians 1:6-9 condemns all false gospels – no matter who teaches them (even if they are taught by an apostle or an angel)!

Colossians 3:17 clearly says, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Everything that you do and believe must be given over to God's full control! Everything must be "in the name of the Lord Jesus" (or, by His authority).

Then, after you have been diligent to study out the Scriptures and apply its teachings to everything you do and believe, what then? What must you do whenever you find something that you believe or do that is not according to the Scriptures? What if you discover things that are according to the Scriptures? Let's continue to consider the teaching of 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22.

Hold fast what is good

When you have evaluated everything and discovered things that are in harmony with the true teachings of Scripture, you must hold fast (cling) to those things. Do not let them go for anybody or anything. 2 Timothy 1:13 says, "Hold fast the pattern of sound words..." Proverbs 23:23 tells us to buy the truth and not to sell it!

Now, again, please make sure that you have properly applied God's word in order to come to your conclusion. Then, when you have diligently and accurately applied God's teachings, do not let them go! Make them part of who you are, what you believe, and what you practice!

Abstain from every form of evil

When you have evaluated everything and discovered things that are not in harmony with the true teachings of Scripture, you must abstain (get away) from those things. You must view those things as being without Bible authority – and things that will endanger your soul (as well as the souls of others).

Do not be swayed into accepting any of those things which have no Bible authority by your family, by a trusted preacher, by a close friend, by your own reasoning, by tradition, or by any other false standard. Determine to do all things by the authority of Jesus Christ – and abstain (keep away from) everything that does not have His approval! Refuse to allow them to be part of who you are, what you believe, and what you practice!

Following What Is Right

Through this point in our study, we have emphasized the importance of knowing who is right – and discovering how you can know who is right by testing all things. After you have tested all things, you must follow the way of right by holding fast to what is good and abstaining from every form of evil. Again, the standard that must be used to make this determination is God's word. After all, it is God's word that will set you free from your sins (John 8:32), save your soul (Romans 1:16), and Judge you on the Last Day (John 12:48). No other standard does these things!

Now, we need to apply our conclusions in such a way that will help us join others who are following the way that is right.

Your salvation depends on doing what is right

As we saw in the previous point, we must hold fast what is good, following the pattern of sound words contained within the Holy Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22; 2 Timothy 1:13)! So, any attempt to join others in following the way of truth begins with a commitment to follow the way that is

right ourselves – and refuse to follow any way that is contrary to God’s word (no matter who teaches or follow them)!

It may be that you have studied your Bible (or are now doing so) and do not find that anyone is practicing what is right in your community. If this is the case, you may need to start a local church that is dedicated to following the New Testament pattern in your area and you will need to teach others about what you have discovered. However, perhaps there is a congregation of New Testament Christians that assembles in your community (or a nearby community). If so, I strongly encourage you to join them in their work. Still, making these types of changes will not always be easy. You will almost certainly encounter some obstacles. Perhaps these obstacles will come from within your own family. Maybe they’ll be from your friends. Maybe they’ll be from others. Regardless, let me encourage you to always follow what is right – regardless of the consequences!

Your soul will spend eternity either in Heaven or in Hell after your earthly life is over. If you fail to do what is right, you will spend eternity in Hell. But, if you do what is right, you will spend eternity in Heaven. So, the question is: What are you willing to give in exchange for your soul. This is the question Jesus asked in Matthew 16:26: “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Are you willing to exchange your soul to save your own physical life? Are you willing to exchange your soul to please your family? Are you willing to exchange your soul to please your friends? Are you willing to exchange your soul for an easier way? Are you willing to exchange your soul for the riches and pleasures of this life? The truth of the matter is that nothing and no one is worth losing your own soul for!

Make a commitment to follow Christ

First and foremost, you must make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ in your life. Take a moment to consider what this type of commitment to Jesus must look like in order for you to be acceptable to Him.

Luke 9:23-26: “Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.’”

Luke 14:25-27, 33: “Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ‘If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple... So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.’”

Both of these passages (along with many others) simply emphasize the point that Jesus Christ must come first in our lives – before everyone and everything else! Certainly, this kind of commitment to Jesus Christ will help you come to the right conclusions about who is right and who is wrong. For, if you have this kind of devotion to Jesus Christ, you will *not* be more devoted to anyone or anything else than you are to Him – and you will be willing to give up anything/everything in order to do what God wants you to do!

Give God full control over your religious practices

If you make this kind of complete commitment to Christ, it will include giving Him full control over all of your religious beliefs and practices. Again, Colossians 3:17 says, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Whatever He commands you to do, you will do. Whatever He commands you to abstain from, you will abstain from. This is the control you must give to Jesus Christ! You no longer rely on your own traditions and opinions. Instead, you do everything according to book, chapter, and verse – according to the authority of Jesus Christ!

After all, Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life – and the only way to eternal life in Heaven with the Father (John 14:6). The only way to please Him is to submit yourself fully to the doctrine and instructions contained within the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 reveals that it is the Bible which will fully equip us to accomplish every good work and be pleasing to God: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Joining yourself to other Christians

Now, all of the things we have discussed (namely, your commitment to follow Christ) will help you to know who is right. The question of, “Who is right?” is settled by understanding what is right!

If you establish that God and His word are right, then the question of “who is right?” answers itself. The only way for someone to be right is to be living according to God’s instructions. Therefore, if individuals (or churches) believe, teach, and practice only the faith of the gospel, they are right! However, if individuals (or churches) believe, teach, and practice something other than the faith of the gospel, they are wrong!

So, as you seek to join yourself to other Christians to help one another serve the Lord more effectively and be an encouragement to one another (i.e. Acts 9:26), simply evaluate what they believe, teach, and practice by what God’s word teaches!

Conclusion

You can find and follow the way of truth! God has not hidden His message from you so that you (and others) cannot know and follow it. Instead, He has revealed His message within the pages of the gospel so that you (and others) can know and obey it. Though the saving message of the gospel had once been a “mystery,” it has now been revealed – and we can understand that saving message when we read

the words which were written by the apostles and prophets (Ephesians 3:3-5).

However, though we can know the true message of the gospel and follow it, it is our responsibility to study that saving message and properly apply it to our lives. Ephesians 5:17 says, “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” Understanding the will of the Lord is a personal choice that we must each make. Acts 17:11 records an excellent example of individuals who made diligent search of the Scriptures on a daily basis in order that they would know whether they were being taught the truth or not! Therefore, they were testing all things by God’s word – so that they could follow the way of truth!

If you truly love the Lord and give Him full control over your life, you can find and follow the way of truth! And, you are not alone! There are others who are attempting to follow Jesus Christ in a way that is free from all denominationalism and religious error! If you will be diligent in your search for the truth and test everything, you can know who is practicing the truth and who is practicing error!

In the final lesson of the study, we will discuss what New Testament Christianity looks like in greater detail. I hope that lesson will give you some specific things to look for as you seek to give Christ full control over all your religious practices and adhere to the one faith that is revealed in the pages of the gospel!

Study Questions

Why is it important to consider the question, “How can you know who is right?”

1. It Is Important To Know Who Is Right

Identify the danger involved in religious error:

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What kind of commitment does Jesus require?

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Do you desire to do what is right? Are you willing to do what is right?

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6.

Is the problem of religious error insignificant? Explain.

Why do you need to identify the ways of error and the way of truth?

2. Test Everything!

Explain the teaching in 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 and apply it to our discussion today.

Identify some false guides in religion.

3. Following What Is Right

What will you need to do after establishing who is right?

How does your soul's salvation depend upon your doing what is right? In addition, what are you willing to give in exchange for your soul?