

Discerning Error

I John 2:18-27

Introduction:

2 Peter 1:3 *seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*

Psychology-

Pragmatism-

Mysticism-

1John 4:1 *Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

1Thessalonians 5:21 *examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good*

1. Discerning the _____ of Error 18-19

A. We'll _____ against false teachers in our Day 18

Revelation 19:10 *And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.*

I Peter 4:7 *The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer.*

2 Timothy 3:1 *But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come*

Acts 20:29 *I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.*

B. False teachers often _____ themselves by leaving the faithful 19

1 Corinthians 11:19 *For there must also be factions among you, in order that those who are approved may have become evident among you.*

2 Timothy 2:12 *If we endure, we shall also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;*

Mark 13:13 *"And you will be hated by all on account of My name, but the one who endures to the end, he shall be saved.*

Hebrews 3:14 *For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end;*

2. Discerning God's _____ against Error 20-21

A. The indwelling _____

Romans 8:9 *if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.*

B. The _____ of God

3. Discerning the _____ 22-23

1 John 4:3 *every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; and this is the spirit of the antichrist*

2 John 1:7 *For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.*

Matthew 10:32 *Everyone therefore who shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. 33 But whoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.*

1 John 4:2 *By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;*

1 John 4:15 *Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.*

4. Discerning the Christian's _____ to False Teachers and Error 24-27

A. Respond by _____ in God's Word 24-26

Psalms 119:11 *Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.*
105 *Thy word is a lamp to my feet, And a light to my path.*

B. Respond by _____ in God's Spirit 27

In order to become Discerning...

1. _____ between the false and true teachers

2. Understand the Spirit's Help in lie _____

1 John 4:2 *By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus has come in the flesh is of God*

3. Be on the _____ for Sheep Stealers

John 10:28 *and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.*

4. Learn to _____ the Word of God accurately

5. Turn to _____ alone to be right with God

John 14:6 *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.*