

## **“How To Spot A Fake, Part 2”**

### **Jude 4**

#### **Sermon Series: “The Faith That Stands And The Fake That Falls”**

#### **Introduction: How Do We Stand For The Faith?**

#### **Review: -Read v. 3-4**

“Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. **4** For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Literal translation by Kenneth Wuest:** *“putting anarchy in the place of the grace of God, and denying the only absolute Master and our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

#### **-3 Characteristics of False Teachers (Fakes) in**

- 1. The future of false teachers is that they will be condemned.**
- 2. The spiritual condition of false teachers is that they are unsaved.**
- 3. The root and expression of this condition is perverting the grace of God and denying the Lordship of Christ.**

-This is vital because it is getting to the root and heart of Christianity. It is where it is most commonly attacked. However, this applies to more than just discerning false teachers. It is also something we need to evaluate in our lives to make sure we are genuinely saved by trusting in the true Jesus of the Bible and His grace alone for our salvation.

#### **1. False teachers (and false believers in general) deny the Lordship of Christ.**

(Explain that part of the verse)

-2 Peter 2:1, 2 John 7-11

**A. They deny the biblical truth that Jesus is the God-man (John 1:1-5, 14-18; Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 1:13-22).**

Historical Christian doctrine has taught that the Bible asserts full deity and perfect humanity in one Person. He is the God-man. This involves the reality of His 2 natures, the integrity of His 2 natures, and the unmingled union of those 2 natures in 1 Person.

**B. They deny the Lordship of Christ in salvation (Romans 10:9).**

**C. They deny the Lordship of Christ in how they live their lives (Luke 6:46-49, Matthew 7:21-23).**

**2. False teachers (and false believers in general) distort the grace of God.**

-“anarchy,” avoid cheap grace, also avoid legalism

-Galatians 5:13 tells us to “not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh.” Timothy George writes, “Here for the first time in Galatians we have a positive indication that the freedom for which Christ has set his people free can be horribly perverted and misused. Freedom can become a pretext or opportunity (Greek: *aphorme*, lit., a ‘springboard’ or ‘base of operations’) for throwing off all moral restraints and indulging the lusts of the flesh. When this has happened, freedom has been corrupted and liberty turned into license. The result is a fearful delusion, a ‘bewitching’ every bit as spiritually paralyzing as a lapse into legalism.”

-Ephesians 2:8-10

-Romans 5:20-6:2

-Titus 2:11-14

**1. Handle Scripture well and correctly define the faith (2 Timothy 2:15- Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth..**

**2. Walk in the truth (3 John 4- I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.).**

**3. Practice church discipline against false teachers (Romans 16:17-18- Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 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.).**

**4. Proclaim the truth to those outside the faith (1 Peter 3:15- But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;).**

**5. Pass the faith along to others (2 Timothy 2:2- And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.).**

**6. Do not divide over secondary doctrines (Romans 14:1-** Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things.). [be extremely careful about proclaiming someone a heretic or a wolf, don't do it over one thirty second out of context sound bite]

**7. Preach the truth of the Word (2 Timothy 4:2-** Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.).

**8. Sing the truth of the Word (Colossians 3:16-** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.).

**9. Stand for the truth by correcting other believers without being contentious (2 Timothy 2:23-26-** But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. **24** And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, **25** in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, **26** and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.).