

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION? Part Four: March 31, 2021

The History of Separation

- **Why have _____ typically been separatists?**
 - Two main reasons:
 - Out of a realization that the Bible teaches that a New Testament church is a body of born-again, _____ believers.
 - As a _____ to the infiltration of false doctrine into their churches and associations.
- **Separating from unbelievers:**
 - Roots of the modern Baptist movement:
 - In _____
 - Puritans
 - _____ (nonconformists)
 - First modern Baptist church established in 1609 by John Smyth.
 - In the United States
 - First Baptist church established by Roger Williams in Providence, Rhode Island in _____.
- **Separating from false teaching:**
 - Roots of the modern fundamentalist movement:
 - _____ (religious liberalism)
 - _____ (fundamentals of the faith)
 - Inspiration and authority of the _____
 - Christ's virgin _____
 - Christ's eternal deity
 - Christ's substitutionary _____ for salvation and the shedding of His blood for remission of sins
 - Christ's bodily _____
 - Christ's literal return to earth

The Examples of Separation

- **Are these two reasons for separation _____?**
 - Yes.
 - Separating from unbelievers:
 - See Acts 19:8-9.
 - Separating from false teaching/false teachers:

- See 2 Tim. 2:15-21.
- False teaching is always peddled by false _____ (also unbelievers).
- **What does the Bible say about when to “_____ in” and when to “separate”?**
 - The Biblical model:
 - Acts 19:8-9: _____

 - Short-term association only for the purpose of _____ or “purification.”
 - “For the space of three months”
 - Clear _____ of truth must lead to clear separation.
 - Rejection stated three ways.
 - _____ (hard hearts)
 - Believed not (disobedient)
 - Spoke evil (_____ opposition)
 - Separation stated two ways.
 - _____ = forsake, withdraw, remove oneself
 - Separated = define, mark _____, localize
- **What warning did Paul give Timothy about _____ association with false teachers?**
 - The Biblical mandate:
 - 2 Tim. 2:15-21: _____

 - The right approach to _____ (vs. 15).
 - Study = be _____
 - Rightly divide = correctly handle, cut straight
 - The right rejection of _____ (vs. 16-18).
 - _____ = stay away, step around, keep back
 - The right reaction to false teachers (vs. 19-21).
 - These = vessels of _____ = false teachers
 - Depart, purge himself (thoroughly cleanse)
 - The right reason for _____ (vs. 21).
 - To be honorable, holy, useful, and prepared.

Application

- **Are you cleansing yourself thoroughly for the Master’s use?**
 - Not just from the vessels of dishonor,
 - But from impurity of every kind, from every source?
 - Are you honorable, holy, useful, and ready to serve the Lord?