

B. Our loyalty to Christ is greater than our loyalty to \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Paul gives two reasons for his desire to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus over people:

1. Jesus saved him. (v. 4)
2. Jesus called him into the ministry. (vv. 15–16)

### 3. Fearing Man Is a \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11–24)

A. His ministry was not man-\_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 11–12)

1. It did not originate with man.
2. It was not received from a human source.
3. It was given by direct revelation of God.

B. His ministry was not man-\_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 15–24)

C. We should never be persuaded by the \_\_\_\_\_ positions of men

1. We need a revival today of men and women who study the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 2:15)
2. We need a revival of men who preach the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 4:2)
3. We need a generation of youth who know the Scriptures. (2 Timothy 3:14–17)

## Conclusion

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You protect what is valuable. Nothing is more valuable than the gospel. Therefore, we should take the security and protection of the gospel seriously.



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## Title: There Is No Other Gospel

*“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: <sup>7</sup> Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup> But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. <sup>9</sup> As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. <sup>10</sup> For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup> But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. <sup>12</sup> For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews’ religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: <sup>14</sup> And profited in the Jews’ religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, <sup>16</sup> To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: <sup>17</sup> Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus. <sup>18</sup> Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. <sup>19</sup> But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord’s brother. <sup>20</sup> Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not. <sup>21</sup> Afterwards I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; <sup>22</sup> And was unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ: <sup>23</sup> But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed. <sup>24</sup> And they glorified God in me.” (Galatians 1:6–24)*

## Introduction

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## ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION DEFINED

Separation means that we should keep ourselves away from sin and theological error. Ecclesiastical Separation is this principle practiced on a corporate, local church level.

**QUOTE:** “The main idea is that Christians refuse to align themselves with false doctrine or unbelief and that they reject the willful practice of disobedience.”—**Mark Sidwell**

## SCRIPTURAL ADMONITIONS TO SEPARATE

*“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 1:3)*

*“For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. <sup>8</sup> Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. <sup>9</sup> Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. <sup>10</sup> If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: <sup>11</sup> For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” (2 John 1:7-11)*

*“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11)*

*“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? <sup>15</sup> And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? <sup>16</sup> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>17</sup> Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, <sup>18</sup> And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)*

*“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.” (2 Thessalonians 3:6)*

## PRACTICE OF ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION IS THE PLATFORM

Platform is a metaphor for ministry cooperation. The way that we keep the church protected from false doctrine is that we do not cooperate with people with different beliefs in ministry endeavors.

1. Staff
2. Missions and Church Planting Support
3. Preaching—Who preaches here? Where do we preach?
4. Conferences and Events

The gospel message that the church has been entrusted with should be considered a treasure to be protected and not tampered with.

## 1. Sound Doctrine Is \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 6-9)

### A. We do not acknowledge another \_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 6-7)

1. There is only one true and living God. (1 Thessalonians 1:9)
2. There is only one way to God: Jesus Christ. (John 14:6; 1 Timothy 2:4-5)
3. The church is the pillar and the ground of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:15)

### B. We do not hesitate to give a strong pronouncement of \_\_\_\_\_.

**QUOTE:** “Christian preachers are to expose false teachings and warn other Christians against them.”—**Mark Sidwell**

*“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: <sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.” (1 John 4:1-3)*

## 2. Pleasing God Is the \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 10)

### A. Love does not take precedence over \_\_\_\_\_. (2 John)

*“But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)*