

“The Dangers of Deception”

Text: Romans 16:17-20

Scripture reading: II Thessalonians 1

I. Exhorting the brethren – vs. 17

II. Exposing the deceiver – vs. 18

Supplemental summary:

#1. To witness or not to witness?

#2. Will the real “unsuspecting” please stand up?

#3. So, who’s watching who?

III. Encouraging the obedient – vv. 19-20

A) A joyful testimony – vs. 19

B) A peaceful prophecy – vs. 20a (Col. 2:15; Matt. 16:18; Rev. 20:10)

C) A grace-ful blessing (John 1:14, 16; 14:15, 31)

Conclusion: Questions to consider...

1. Do I rejoice more over _____ of _____?

2. How much freedom do I allow myself for _____ of the _____?

3. When _____ the grace of our Lord Jesus to be with me?

“Every man obeys Christ as he prizes Christ, and not otherwise.”

-Thomas Brooks; Puritan preacher; 1608-1680

SERMON QUOTES:

Supplemental summary:

#2. Will the real “unsuspecting” please stand up?

R. C. Sproul,

“Most people in the congregation, even if they have PhD’s in unrelated fields, are still simple with respect to the things of God.”

III. Encouraging the obedient – vv. 19-20

A) A joyful testimony – vs. 19

Robert Haldane,

“Obedience here may indeed respect their reception of the Gospel, which was a matter much spoken of, but it is not to be confined to this. It will apply to their readiness in receiving everything taught by the authority of God. The same authority that requires obedience to the Gospel, requires also obedience to every ordinance and precept. It is the greatest praise to any church or individual to obey cheerfully, with a childlike disposition, whatever the Word of God teaches.”

Haldane,

“...it is important that the disciples should publicly make a profession of the Gospel, and of every commandment of the Lord. They should not be ashamed either of Him or of His Word.”

From Charles Hodge,

“...too good to deceive, too wise to be deceived.”