

Fake Religion

Outline

Section 1: We Must Recognize Fake Religion (3:1-5a)

Section 2: We Must Reject Fake Religion (3:5b-8)

Section 3: We Must Know Fake Religion will not Triumph (3:9)

Discussion Questions

- 1) Since we all tend to be blind to our own hypocrisy, how can we guard against falling into empty religion?
- 2) What does it mean to be a lover of pleasure rather than a lover of God? Is it wrong to enjoy pleasurable things or experiences?
- 3) How can you know whether to correct an erring Christian (2:24-26) or to avoid him (3:5)? When should you break fellowship with someone (see 1 Cor. 5:9-13)?

One Thing: Spend time in prayer this week praying for those who are living a fake religion. Pray that their hearts would soften to the message of God's inside-out redemption.

Sermon in a Sentence: We must knowingly avoid empty religion and those who propagate it.

Next Week: Guest Speaker Al Lewis