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# Steps to Freedom in Christ Counterfeit v. Real

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## Counterfeit v. Real

- **We Want To Expose That Which Is Counterfeit And Choose That Which Is Real**
- In Order To Spot A Counterfeit -- We Must Not Be Fooled By The Packaging and Looks – We Must Examine The Contents
- We Need To Study, Meditate On, And Apply God's Word Until We Are So Familiar With It That We Cannot Be Fooled By Anything

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- **LET'S READ: ACTS 19:11-20**
- 7 Sons Of Sceva Tried To Counterfeit The Power Of God
- A Counterfeit Is Close To Right -- But It's Not Right

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- **The 7 Sons Of Sceva Were Exposed -- They Were Counterfeits!**
- They Were Doing A Right Thing In A Wrong Way
- **They Looked Good & Sounded Good On The Outside**
- But On The Inside, They Weren't What They Claimed To Be

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- **The Enemy Tries To Get People To Believe That There Are Many Ways To God And That You Can Follow God Or Disregard Him**
- **But He Is Lying -- He Is A Fake, A Masquerader, A Counterfeit**
- **Jesus Said, “I Am The Way To God --There Is No Other.” (Jn 14:6)**
- ***Philosophies And Religions Which Promote Spirits Other Than The Holy Spirit Are Counterfeits***

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- ***The First Important Steps We Can Take In Receiving Our Freedom In Christ – Is:***
- *To Know The Truth ---*
- *To Expose The Lies –*
- *To Renounce And Resist Every Counterfeit & Every Scheme*
- *In Order That We Can Be Truly Free In Christ*

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### **Why Should We Know About The Cults & False Religions?**

1. Because They Are Present In Our World
2. Because Jesus Warned Us About Them
3. Because They Are A Sign Of The Last Days
4. Because They Force Us To Know The Bible

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### WHAT IS A CULT ?

- ***A Cult= Any Group That Teaches Another Way To God Than Jesus Or Any Group Whose Teaching Changes Or Contradicts The Bible.***
- A cult is a religious group, bound together by their attachment to a person or a principle.
- A cult is a perversion of the gospel, based upon an unholy devotion to a person, a principle, or both.
- Another characteristic is the twisting or rejecting of scripture.



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- **Counterfeit And False Gods Fall Into Two Broad Categories -- Idolatry And The Occult**

**1. Idolatry** = Is Worship Of Idols (*Worshipping Creation Instead Of Creator*)

**2. Occult** = Is (*From Latin = Hidden Or Covered Over*)

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- **The Occult Holds A Fascination For Fallen Man (Sinners) In This Generation.**
- Why? Because Natural Man Craves (Looks) For Two Things.
- A. Desire For Knowledge
- B. Desire For Power

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### *There Are Only Two Origins Of Supernatural Power*

1. God

2. Satan

- *God Is The Legitimate Power* = He Is The King Of Light = His Servants Know Whom They Serve
- *Satan Is The Illegitimate Power* = He Is King Of Darkness = Most Of His Followers Don't Know Who They Serve Or The True Nature Of What They Are Doing.

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## **Why Know About False Gods And Occult Practices?**

- To Break Free From Them
- To Renounce Personal Involvement
- To Cancel Consequences Of Them

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### **What Should You Do?**

- **Remove Occult Practices From Your Life**
- **Only Consult God About Your Future**
- **Follow God's Word**
- **Refuse To Listen To Occultic Voices**

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### **My Hope – Life – Future Is In The Lord**

- He Will Tell Me What I Need To Be Told
- He Will Show Me What I Need To Be Shown
- In Him Is Life Everlasting And Abundant – He Is My Life
- I Will Honor & Follow Him & No Other... Amen & Amen!!!
- **God Is Calling Us To Live Up To The High Calling He Created Us With**

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*He Is Calling Us To Accept That We Are Valuable Because He Says We Are*

- *We Are God's Children.*
- *We Are United With The Lord -- One With Him In Spirit.*
- *We Are Valuable To The Lord, He Bought Us With A Price.*
- *We Are A Part Of The Body Of Christ.*
- *We Have Been Adopted Into God's Family*
- *We Have Been Redeemed. Forgiven of Our Sins.*
- *We Are Complete In Christ.*

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