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Grace Community Church of Topsail

August 21, 2016 - When Sheep Are Wolves - Matthew 7:15-20

1 Romans 15:1-3 —

We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself but as it is written, "The reproaches ...

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All Call The Pastor Of Jesus' Name (Contrafact)

Children Of God

Jesus Walk On

So This Is My Desire

Topic Sermon

Whom Sheep Are Wolves

Matthew 7:15-20

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"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the ...

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Beware of the Wolves...

While on the Narrow Road DOLO for False Prophets

Beware of the Wolves...

The command is "BEWARE" - Two Horns.

Beware of the Wolves...

To be looking for a pseudo-prophet we must understand what a NT prophet is.

Beware of the Wolves...

What is a New Testamental prophet?

1 Corinthians 14:1
1 Corinthians 14:21-22

1 Corinthians 14:1 —

Do the other hand, he who eats prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

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1 Corinthians 14:21-25 —

If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is ...

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What is a New Testamental prophet?

A New Testament prophet is a person gifted by the Holy Spirit to speak a timely message to God's people. Their message is always consistent with Scripture, and sometimes, but not always, includes revelation about the future. Their ministry also includes exhortation and encouragement. The church is commanded to test what is spoken against the truth of God's Word.

What is a false prophet/a pseudo-prophet?

A pseudo-prophet is a false or counterfeit prophet—someone who presents himself as speaking for God but does not actually speak God's truth.

What is a false prophet/a pseudo-prophet?

False Prophets are Not a New Problem

Jeremiah 5:30-31

Jeremiah 5:30-31 —

An appalling horrible thing
has happened in the land:
the prophets prophesy falsely,
the priests rule as the prophets direction,
my people love it so!
but what will you do when the end comes?

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False Prophets

Why would people love false prophets?

False Prophets

Because false prophets tell people what they want to hear.

Jeremiah 6:13-15

Jeremiah 6:13-15 —

"They have healed the wound of my people lightly, saying, 'Peace, peace,'
when there is no peace.
Were they ashamed when they committed
abominations?
No, they were not at all ashamed;
they did not know how ...

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False Prophets

Jesus didn't say false prophets would disappear when the Old Testament ended.

Matthew 24:5-13
Acts 20:29-30

Matthew 24:1-13 —

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will ...

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Acts 20:29-30 —

I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them.

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False Prophets

Where did these false teachers come from?

Some false teachers come from outside...

Others arise from within the visible church.

2 Peter 2:1-2
1 John 4:1-3

2 Peter 2:1-2 —

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow...

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1 John 4:1-3 —

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh ...

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False Prophets

A False Prophet's Strategy is Counterfeit, Not Merely Denial

Matthew 17:24-30

Matthew 17:24-30 —

We yet another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up ...

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False Prophets

Avoid Them

Romans 16:17-18

Romans 16:17-18 —

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and ...

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False Prophets

Test Them

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Sometimes Sheep are Wolves

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Matthew 7:15 —

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Sometimes Sheep are Wolves

Discern: Don't be Deceived by Appearances

2 Corinthians 11:14-15

2 Corinthians 11:14-15 —

And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. It is no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

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Sometimes Sheep are Wolves

Satan's ministers don't necessarily come saying: "I hate Christ."

They may come saying: "I love Jesus."

Wolves and Sheep Produce Different Kind of Fruit

Matthew 7, 16-20

Matthew 7:16-20 —

"You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear ...

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Wolves and Sheep Produce Different Kind of Fruit

Examine Fruit: Stay Alert and Discerning

Wolves and Sheep Produce Different Kind of Fruit

What is the "fruit" of a false prophet?

Wolves and Sheep Produce Different Kind of Fruit

Rotten Doctrine

They distort or deny the truth about God, Christ, sin, salvation, and Scripture.

Wolves and Sheep Produce Different Kind of Fruit

Rotten Character

Their private lives contradict their public message.

Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

Rotten Spiritual Influence

What kind of people are they producing?

More submissive to Scripture? Or submissive to them?

Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

The Rotten Gospel of Works – "I save Myself."

Works gospel says: "If I do enough good things, obey enough commands, then myself up enough, or become good enough, God will accept me."

Romans 3:20
Titus 3:4-7

Romans 3:20 —
By the works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
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Titus 3:4-7 —
But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works we did in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us...
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Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

Rotten gospel of works says:

Christ + my righteousness = acceptance with God

Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

The true gospel says:

Christ's righteousness + nothing = acceptance with God

Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

The Rotten Gospel of No Works – "I can have Christ without following Christ."

Gospel of no works says: "Jesus accepted by grace, what I do doesn't really matter."

Matthew 7:14
Hebrews 12:14
2 Corinthians 5:17

Matthew 7:14 —
For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.
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Hebrews 12:14 —
Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.
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2 Corinthians 5:17 —
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
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Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

The Christian doesn't earn heaven by walking the narrow road.

But the person going to heaven will walk the narrow road.

Mothers and Messy Promises (Different Kind of Church)

The Beautiful True Gospel – I am saved by what Christ has done for me, not by what I can do for God. And that changes EVERYTHING. I have a desire to live for him in obedience.

The true gospel says:

I have sinned against God

Romans 3:23

Romans 3:23 —
for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
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The true gospel says:

My sin has earned God's judgment

Romans 6:23a

Romans 6:23a —
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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The true gospel says:

I cannot save myself

Romans 3:20

Romans 3:20 —
By the works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
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The true gospel says:

God provided what I could never provide

Romans 5:8

Romans 5:8 —
but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
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The true gospel says:

Salvation is God's gift, not my achievement

Romans 6:23

Romans 6:23 —
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
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The true gospel says:

I must repent and trust Christ

Romans 10:9

Romans 10:9 —
because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
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The true gospel says:

Those who truly come to Christ are changed

Romans 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2 —
I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...
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The true gospel says:

Works are not the root of salvation. They are the fruit of salvation.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Ephesians 2:8-10 —
For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand...
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Whom Sheep Are Wolves

Matthew 7:15-20

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Women's Bible Study

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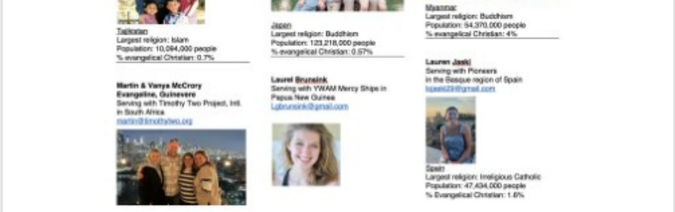

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