

ACTS - FROM RESURRECTION TO REVELATION

Lesson 26

Review: *Paul is persuaded that persecutions are ordained of God to profit the believer by promoting our purification, our patience, and our power while protecting us from our pride. He now must confront another danger...false doctrine.*

I. Why False Doctrine Is So Dangerous- Acts 14:22-15:6

- A) By nature, it is a device of the DEVIL
- B) By nature, it is a device of DECEPTION
- C) By nature, it is a device of DIVISION
- D) By nature, it is a device of DISTRACTION
- E) By nature, it is a device of DEATH

II. False Doctrines That Are Still Dividing Christians Today

- A) Reformed Theology - (*Calvinism*)
- B) Replacement Theology - *All the Covenants with Israel have been transferred to the Church, and Israel has been permanently rejected by God.*
- C) Legalism - *Certain "works" are required for salvation, or must be observed to maintain salvation, or must be manifested as evidence of salvation.*
- D) Certain Charismatic Positions - *From the prosperity gospel, to apostolic gifts and signs, to the unbelief in eternal security.*

III. Why Some Christians Are Pre-Disposed To False Doctrines

- A) Because of Sectarian PEER-PRESSURE - (Peter) - Gal. 2:9-14
- B) Because of our Sub-conscious PERSONALITIES - (James) - Gal. 2:12
- C) Because of Spiritual PRIDE - (Pharisees) - Luke 18:10-14
- D) Because of a Sense of PROMINENCE - (Scribes) - Luke 11:39-46
- E) Because of Sentimental PREFERENCES - (Jews) - John 8
- F) Because of Sensuous PLEASURES - II Tim. 4:1-4
- G) Because of Seeking POPULAR TRENDS - Eph. 4:11-15