

Colossians 2:8

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

There is nothing in this world that is more disheartening than to see someone misled by a counterfeit; whether in or outside of the church. Often the number one reason for so much of this is that people don't want to be held accountable to God; so they follow or fabricate something that is less offensive. Humanism is simply one of these lies that have grown out of man's rebellion towards God; because through humanism, man is his own god and accountable only to himself. People are looking to eliminate responsibility towards their Creator. The problem is that what sounds good in one's mind or conscience can often be a lie; and anything that is contrary to God or His Word, is simply that, a lie. I have heard people make statements such as, "If you are a Christian, then it doesn't matter whether you go to church or not." Or another one, "My God is a God of love, and He wouldn't send anyone to hell." Here is a classic lie, "As long as I remember to pray for forgiveness, it doesn't matter what I do." All three of these lies are quoted daily by people who have been deceived by something taught outside of the Holy Bible.

First of all, we are exhorted to corporately worship as the body of Christ. Second, it is you and I who decide whether or not we are going to go to hell; by the very choice of whether we make Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Thirdly, if you are living a life of unrepentive willful sin, thinking that it is acceptable if only you remember to cover them in your nightly prayers; then you need to judge your own heart. Because God's Word very clearly tells us that we will be judged, unless we judge ourselves rightly. Today there are more and more counterfeits to the truth that is in the Word of God. So how do we keep from following any one of them; by pressing into the Word on a daily basis and by developing a personal relationship with Jesus our Lord? The Holy Spirit was sent by the Father, in the name of the Son, to teach each one of us as well. I want to encourage each one of you to take nothing spoken or said for granted. Get into the Bible and find out for yourself if what you are hearing lines up with the written Word.

I am convinced that we are clearly living in the last days. The lies, deceptions and counterfeits will get only more believable; and each of us must endeavor to endure to the end! A great gauge for pursuing truth is to examine your own heart. Is what you are hearing or believing a license to pursue your own sinful desires, is it fueled through unforgiveness, are you assassinating someone's character or name in the "name of Christ"? Many people don't take the Bible as the literal Word of God; because they don't believe in absolutes. My friend, whether you believe in absolutes in this life is up to you; but I absolutely am assured that the very second that you take your last breath on this planet; you will know them for all of eternity. Only then, it will be too late for you! I can't imagine anything more terrifying than to discover the validity of God and His Word after one has perished. But if you can hear my voice today, then it is not too late for you!! Surrender your life to Jesus Christ, and make Him your Lord and Savior, once and for all.