

5. Read 2 Peter 1:3 and Romans 16:17-18. How do you hold fast to the truth but avoid unneeded division and disunity? (i.e. the extremes of liberalism and fundamentalism)

6. Share with your small group or a trusted christian friend your exact plan for how you engage in Scripture regularly. Encourage them on that journey.

7. (EXTRA CREDIT) Read the EFCA Statement of Faith at efca.org/sof Write down any phrases or statements that help you more clearly communicate the truth of Scripture.

Undying Words

“How to Protect Ourselves From False Teaching”
2 Peter 2:1-3

How to Protect Ourselves From False Teaching

We need to know the Bible; not only for what the Bible says, but so we also clearly know what the Bible does not say.

Russell Moore: ‘[The immoral conduct of christian leaders] does NOT weaken the power of the gospel, but it weakens the effectiveness of the church’s gospel witness.’

1. Look for the signs of _____ doctrine.
2. Look for the signs of _____ conduct.

False beliefs lead to immoral conduct.

Romans 16:¹⁸ “For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.”

Douglas Moo on 2 Peter 2:

“False teachers:

1. Reject apostolic authority. (deny Scripture)
2. Fail to recognize a sinful lifestyle for what it is.
3. Blasphemously discount coming judgment.
4. Deny the Lord’s return.”

Tune our radar to detect teaching _____.

EFCA motto: "In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, charity. In all things, Jesus Christ."

3. Hold _____ to the sovereign Lord who bought you.

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Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Where have you encountered false teaching or had to correct false teaching you had adhered to?
3. Read Matthew 7:15-20 and Galatians 5:22-23. How do you think your own walk with Jesus and the fruit produced?
4. How have you looked to guard against being sucker punched or falling prey to secretly introduced false teachings?