

The Importance of Staying in the Word

True Doctrine vs. Humanism

Focus Scripture

Colossians 2:8 KJV

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Colossians 2:8 NKJV

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

The Wild Gourd

The young prophet's mistake

2 Kings 4:39-40 NKJV

39 So one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, and came and sliced them into the pot of stew, though they did not know what they were. 40 ...“Man of God, there is death in the pot!”

Just because it...

Looks good

Feels good

Seems good

It doesn't mean it's good for you!

Wild Ideas

A new gospel?

Galatians 1:7 KJV

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Colossians 2:8 NKJV

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There is no other saving Gospel outside of the Word of God!

Elisha's Antidote

Adding meal (bread of life)

2 Kings 4:41 KJV

41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

The meal neutralized the poison.

1 Corinthians 1:21 NKJV

21 ...it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

The quick response of the “preacher” saved them!

The True Standard

The Word of God

Acts 17:11 NKJV

11 ...in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

The Word of God holds the key to truth as God requires!

Galatians 1:8-9

8 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.