

# The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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## Dear Brother Faull,

What do these verses mean and why do we not see churches practicing them? There are many others that deal with Church discipline.

**Romans 16:17-18**, "17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.** 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

**1 Timothy 6:3-5**, "3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: **from such withdraw thyself.**"

**2 John 1:7-11**, "7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the

doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.**"

**2 Thessalonians 3:6**, "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.**"

**2 Peter 2:1-2**, "1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, **and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**"

**Titus 3:10**, "**A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject;**"

**2 Thessalonians 3:14-15**, "14 **And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.** 15 Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother."

**Philippians 3:2-3**, "2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. 3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in

the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, **and have no confidence in the flesh.**"

**Galatians 1:7-9**, "7 **Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.** 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

**1 John 2:19**, "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us: **but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.**"

**Jude 1:19**, "These be they who separate themselves, sensual, **having not the Spirit.**"

**2 Timothy 3:5**, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away.**"

**Matthew 18:15-17**, "15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. 17 **And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to**

hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. 18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

**Hebrews 13:17**, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you."

**Acts 16:4**, "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem."

**Galatians 6:1**, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

**1 Corinthians 5:1-13**, "1 It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 **And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.** 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 **To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.** 6 **Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?** 7 **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:** 8 **Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of**

**malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.** 9 **I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:** 10 **Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.** 11 **But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.** 12 **For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within?** 13 **But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."**

**1 Timothy 1:19-20**, "19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck: 20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; **whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.**

**2 Timothy 2:16-18**, "16 **But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.** 17 **And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; 18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."**

#### **ANSWER:**

These verses mean what they say and say what they mean. These are commands and instructions from the holy Apostles and Prophets.

However, these verses are considered opinions by some who we list here, so you realize they get to ignore these verses. (I speak as a fool.)

1. Extremely self-wise elders and preachers.
2. Old preachers who have so much experience.

3. Men who have more authority than the apostles, who tell us what to do in these verses.
4. Men who are so skilled in the original languages, who can twist verses to their own behavior.
5. Men whose wives know more than the authors of these words.
6. Men who have no fear of God's judgment or disobeying Him.
7. Cowards are excused from obeying what these verses say.
8. Men who do not like confrontation.
9. Men who love the praise of men more than the praise of God.
10. Men who wish to be liked or popular.
11. Men who are lovers of money and power more than lovers of God.
12. Men who do not love the truth.
13. Men who are lovers of crowds more than lovers of souls.
14. Men who just want everyone happy.
15. Men who want no enemies, beware.
16. Men who have a perversion of what real love is.
17. Men whose pole star is peace at any cost.
18. Men who would rather die than have any friction.
19. Men who think they know more about what motivates man than God does.
20. Men who do not see the dangers of an "Achan in the camp".
21. Men who do not realize a little leaven, leavens the whole lump.
22. Men who do not realize a steward must be faithful and he must give an account as an Elder or Evangelist.
23. Men who think being united is better than being obedient.

Other men are humble and obedient and enjoy the success of doing God's Will and will hear, "Well done, good and trustworthy servant".

The fearful and unbelieving shall not be counted faithful and worthy and will not be awarded as faithful servants.