

# BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

*Scripture Reading:*

**John 10: 1, 4-5, 7-10**

**II Peter 2: 1-9**

# REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

- ◆ **Definition of grace:** “grace is simply love directed at an undeserving object AFTER God’s righteousness and holiness have been satisfied.”
  
- ◆ The totality of our salvation rests upon God’s grace toward us

## REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION (continued)

◆ The totality of our salvation rests upon God's grace toward us:

◆ "grace" occurs 155x in the NT

◆ Paul encouraged believers of their possession of God's grace in the introduction and conclusion of all his letters

◆ Therefore, grace has been a target of Satan to be perverted (through his "sons")

◆ Matt 13:24-30, 36-40; Matt 7:15; Acts 20:29-30; II Pet 2:1-3



# PASSAGES THAT WARN OF THE PERVERSION OF GOD'S GRACE

- ◆ **Jude 4** - Certain men who subtly replace the “grace of God into outrageous, lewd behavior”
- ◆ **Rom 6:1-2** – “should we continue in (the sin nature) that grace may abound?”
  - ◆ No! that is totally illogical to our salvation!
- ◆ **Rom 6:15** – “should we sin because we are not under (ruled by) law, but under grace? May that not come to be!”
  - ◆ Vs 16 – that would lead to physical death

# PRESENT PERVERSIONS OF SALVATION BY GOD'S GRACE

- ◇ Modern day “feigned” (i.e. plastic, moulded, artificial) words by false teachers (II Pet 2:3)
  - ◇ **POST MODERN**: Each individual becoming their own authority – on anything
  
- ◇ **THE EMERGING CHURCH** -cf II Tim 4:3
  
- ◇ **NEW AGE “MEDITATION”**
  - ◇ Only used in the OT, 6x as a noun, 12x as a verb
  - ◇ The object of this ‘focused thinking’ is always the Word of God

# PRESENT PERVERSIONS OF SALVATION BY GOD'S GRACE (continued)

## ◇ CENTERING PRAYER, CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

◇ A type of prayer gleaned from eastern religions and 'ancient' catholic mystics

◇ Promotes 'emptying' the mind and use of 'mantras' to induce an altered state of consciousness. An extended time of silence is encouraged to attain this conscious state of mind and emotion

◇ **PANTHEISM** - everything is god



# PRESENT PERVERSIONS OF SALVATION BY GOD'S GRACE (continued)

- ◇ **PANENTHEISM** - God is in everything, therefore everyone is God
- ◇ **SPIRITUAL FORMATION** - Using the previously stated prayer instructions to arrive at correct understanding and experience.
  - ◇ For reference the following:
    - ◇ “Faith Undone” by Roger Oakland
    - ◇ “A Time of Departing” by Ray Yungen

PROTECTION  
OF GRACE  
FROM  
ABUSE AND  
PERVERSION

◆ Know the grace of  
God for Christian  
living: IN TRUTH

◆ Col 1:3-6

◆ Peter's exhortation,  
even intense  
exhortation that what  
he wrote was a true  
grace from God

◆ I Pet 5:12



# CONCLUSION



- Recognize the Scriptures as the **ONLY** authoritative source of absolute truth, validated by the Holy Spirit – II Timothy 3:16-17.
  - “All Scripture is inspired by God...