BEWARE OF FALSE TEACHERS

Scripture Reading: John 10: 1, 4-5, 7-10 Il 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."

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REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION (continued)

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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"

Som 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 <u>always</u> 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

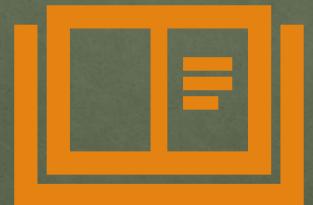
PRESENT PERVERSIONS OF SALVATION BY GOD'S GRACE (continued)

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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

PROTECTON OF GRACE FROM ABUSE AND PERVERSION **♦ Know the grace of God for Christian** living: IN TRUTH ♦ Col 1:3-6 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...