



THE 'DEI' (Necessities) FOR THE
GRACE BELIEVER (pt 8)

The Necessary Response to False Teachers

Scripture Reading:

Titus 1:1-11

INTRODUCTION

- The 8th **necessity** for the grace-believers to be aware of false teachers and to respond according to Scriptural instructions
 - Jn 10 :7-10 warns of false teachers as thieves and robbers
 - Acts 20:20-29 warns of false teachers as “weighty” (in supposed authority) wolves among God’s flock
 - Titus 1:10-11 warns specifically of the false teaching of trying to live the Christian life by keeping the Mosaic Law instead of living by grace. Paul tells us that it is a **necessity** that their “mouths must be stopped”

INTRODUCTION

- Two questions arise out of this necessity:

1. What is the basic nature of the Law vs Grace issue?

2. How should false teacher's mouths be stopped?

Law vs Grace for Christian Living

•The purpose of the Law:

- To bring about a full knowledge of the sin nature – Rom 3:20
- To bring all the world – even presumptuous Israel – judicially, under judgment – Rom 3:19
- To demonstrate the exceeding sinfulness of the sin nature – Rom 7:13

Law vs Grace for Christian Living (continued)

• The purpose of God's grace:

- To save from the penalty and power of our sin nature – Eph 2:8-10
- Therefore, we are now no longer under Mosaic law as a way of daily life, but **under grace as a way of daily life** – Rom 6:13
- The extent of the NT teaching on **law vs grace** problems:
 - Romans 1 and 2, Corinthians, Galatians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Hebrews, 1 Peter

How Should False Teacher's “Mouths be Stopped?”

1. To the pastors, elders and bishops: properly feed the church of God - Acts 20:28

2. Give a charge not to teach differently from what Paul had already taught – I Tim 1:3-7

- OT Mosaic Law = “DON’T” was the prohibition from exercising the sin nature - Ex 20:3-17
- NT Law = “DO” exercise Eternal Life - “love one another the way have loved you” Jn 13:34
 - cf II Tim 2:1-2 and 3:10-11

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3. Exhort and convince those contradicting - Titus 1:9

4. Don't argue (“word battles”) with false teachers –
I Tim 6:3-5 (lit. ‘stand off’, ‘withdraw’, don't take
the bait)

5. Avoid (lit. ‘beg off’, excuse yourself from foolish
and unlearned questions) – II Tim 2:23-24

CONCLUSION

- Two pieces of advice for every Christian concerning **truth and error**:
 - Search the Scriptures for yourselves, while depending on the Teacher of the Word – the Holy Spirit – ct 17:11
 - Prove all things (that men teach), Hold fast to that which is good – I Thess 5:21