

VS 3: THE REASON FOR WRITING

1. The Common Salvation. Vs 3a

- Salvation is not common in that it is _____.

Salvation is from a common source = _____.

Salvation is common in that it is offered to _____. Both Jew and Gentile.

2. The Command to Contend as Saints. Vs 3b

- Needful “a moral necessity”
- Exhort “to call upon / to invite / to beseech
- Contend “to fight for” –
- “the faith”

The dataset that God has given to His people is SET!

This is a reference to the _____ of God’s Word.

The _____ of the Gospel and subsequent _____ the church follows the Word of God in faith.

The problem is that the faith is under _____! **Vs 18**

There are apostates, false teachers that are working to WREST and OVERTHROW the clear doctrine that Scripture declares over our lives.

CRITICAL NEED: False teachers must be _____ by believers.

How? **Colossians 1:23–29**

To contend is to engage in _____.

The key to combating false teaching is holding to and proclaiming correct doctrine.

VS 4: CONDEMNATION OF FALSE TEACHERS

1. Dangerous Teachers.

- They are _____! **Vs 4a**

How does a creep work? They are never _____ about their true _____

They come in like they want to join _____ us, but it is with the goal of _____ the church! Watch for creeps!

- They are _____! **Vs 4b. 2 Peter 2:1–3**

Why are they purposeful apostates? They are UNGODLY. **Vs 4c**

2. Deadly Doctrine. Vs 4d

What is their goal? To turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. **Romans 1:16–32; 2 Peter 2:20–22**

The grace of God. How that works in the life of the believer. **Ephesians 2:8–9** compare **Romans 10:17** Believing on the Word of God (responding to God in faith) produces the GRACE of God in the life of the believer. It’s not by their works, effort or through any part of life in the flesh.

The creeping false teacher wants you to focus on your life in the flesh.

Lasciviousness = sinful abandon, riotous excess, debauchery, sexual excess, lack of restraint, insatiable desire for pleasure.

Lasciviousness is that is in the unregenerate heart! **Mark 7:20–23**

These are not God called teachers! **1 Timothy 4:1–2; Titus 1:16; Romans 16:18; 2 Corinthians 11:13–15**

Note: “before ordained” means literally “to write before.”

Remember, we are elect according to the foreknowledge of God. **2 Peter 1:2.** _____

Twisted teachers’ condemnation. **Matthew 18:6; Galatians 1:6–9**