

“Why Christianity Compared”

Lesson #1

Acts 17:10-12

Introduction

I. Examining American Culture

1. Melting Pot - A Society Where People From _____ Blend Together Into One _____

Emphasizes: _____ And The Creation Of A _____ Identity

2. Salad Bowl - A Society Where People From _____ Live Together While Maintaining Their _____

Emphasizes: _____ And The Preservation Of _____

3. Ecumenical Movement - An Effort To Promote _____, _____, And _____ Among Different Christian Denominations

Emphasizes: _____ Among Different _____

4. Parachurch Organizations - Christian Ministries That Work Alongside Local Churches To Accomplish A Specific _____ Or _____

Emphasizes: _____ And _____ The Work Of Local Churches

5. Church Denominations - Groups Of Christian Churches That Share The Same
Basic _____, _____ And _____ Structure
Emphasizes: How Different _____ Their Faith

Why So Many Denominations

1. Denominations Have Formed Based On Disagreements Over The

2. Denominations Have Formed Because Of _____ And
_____ Developments Throughout Church History

II. Why This Study Matters

1. Because _____ - John 8:32
2. Because _____ Exists - Matthew 24:4
3. Because God _____ - 1 John 4:1
4. Because _____ Are At Stake - Galatians 1:8-9

III. The Purpose

Goal: To Become _____ - 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Spiritual Discernment -

- Seeing Life From _____ Perspective And Evaluating _____
According To His Word
- The Ability To Recognize _____ From _____ And Make Wise
Decisions.

Spiritual Discernment is NOT _____

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Seeks _____ | 5. Evaluates Teaching _____ |
| 2. Protects _____ | 6. Desires _____ |
| 3. Guided By _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. Motivated By _____ | 8. _____ And _____ |

Fault Finders

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| 1. Seeks _____ | 5. Looks To _____ |
| 2. Criticizes _____ | 6. Desires _____ |
| 3. Guided By _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. Motivated By _____ | 8. Quick To _____ |

IV. The Berean Standard

- Our North Star Scripture _____

The Standard

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Biblical Faith Is Not _____

Biblical Faith Is _____

V. Categories Of Comparisons

1. _____ (What Determines _____)
2. _____ (What Is _____)
3. _____ (What Is _____)
4. _____ (How Is _____)
5. Man's _____ (What Is _____)
6. _____/_____ (How To _____ Man's Greatest Problem)
7. View Of _____ (Who Is _____)
8. _____ (What Is _____)
9. _____ (Why Do I _____)
10. _____ (What Happens _____)

VI. Warning Signs Of An Apostate Religion

- _____ The Truth
- _____ The Truth
- _____ The Truth

Apostacy: A _____, _____, _____

- To Be An Apostate Does Not Mean To _____ Or _____
- To Be An Apostate Means To Invent A _____, A _____,
A _____, A _____ And _____ That Is
Foreign To Scripture (2 Timothy 3:5)

1. The _____ Is Replaced - Mark 7:13
2. The _____ Is Changed - Galatians 1:6-9
3. _____ Is Diminished - 1 John 2:22
4. _____ Is Unnecessary - Luke 13:3
5. Sin Is _____ Or _____ - Isaiah 5:20
6. Truth Is _____ For Unity - Jude 1:3
7. Worldliness Is _____ - Romans 12:2
8. _____ Are Tolerated - 1 Timothy 4:16
9. The _____ Is Lost - Psalms 36:1
10. _____ Without _____ - Revelation 3:1

VII. The Challenge

Keep The _____ - Acts 17:11

Answer Three Important Questions

1. Do I Know _____?
2. Do I Know _____?
3. Can I _____ When I Hear It?