

The False Doctrine Of Separating Sin From The Sinner

I. Introduction: Have you ever wondered why false teachers seek to separate the sin from the sinner? There is not just one answer to that question.

A. False teachers like to make the unjust, imperfect feel good about themselves to control them (**II Peter 2:17-22**).

1. The false teacher wants to sinfully manipulate the hearer (**Jeremiah 6:13-16**).
2. Some false teachers see people as merchandise (**II Peter 2:1-3**).
3. Some false brethren want to increase the boundaries of fellowship (**Revelation 2:14-16**).

B. By dulling sin and the guilt that should come with it, the false teacher assures that the erring will not change (**Jeremiah 23:14**).

1. The righteous will be made sad while the sinner will be promised life (**Ezekiel 13:22-23**).
2. By doing so, they gain advantage. So, understand that this is by design and is not a mistake (**II Corinthians 11:12-15** and **Jude 1:16**).
3. Since many believe the error we are going to talk about, we need to know how to answer it in the event we might rescue someone from this false doctrine. This lesson assumes we are talking about individuals in their right mind, not someone who is truly mentally ill (cf. **James 4:17**).

II. Body: You Are What You Do (**Proverbs 20:11, Proverbs 21:8, Ezekiel 18:20-25, I John 2:29, and I John 3:7**).

A. Known by what they do (**Matthew 12:33-37** and **Luke 6:43-44**).

1. You shall know them by, what... (**Matthew 7:15-20**)?
2. Who is the face of the Lord against (**I Peter 3:12**)?
3. What do works reveal (**Titus 1:16**)?
4. Who is the spiritual family of Jesus (**Matthew 12:46-50**)?

B. The terms that God uses concerning sinners is really clear (**Genesis 13:13, Psalms 1:1-2, Psalms 1:5, Psalms 5:4-5, Proverbs 6:16-19, Proverbs 10:29, Proverbs 15:8-9, Proverbs 15:26, Proverbs 16:5, Proverbs 21:15, Isaiah 33:14, Luke 13:23-30, John 9:31, Galatians 2:17, James 4:6-10, James 5:19-20, and Jude 1:14-15**).

1. One that commits fornication is... (**I Corinthians 5:11**).
2. One that commits murder is... (**Revelation 22:14-15**).
3. One that tells a lie is... (**Revelation 2:2**).
4. One that steals is... (**John 12:1-6**).
5. One that worships idols or such is... (**Ephesians 5:5**).

C. Think about the Judgment Day (**II Corinthians 5:10**).

1. They that have done... (**John 5:28-29**).
2. He will render to every man according to... (**Romans 2:6-11**).

3. Don't we have to be blameless when He returns (**II Peter 3:9-14**)?

D. Hope is not gone from the one who sins. A sinner can change (**Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 15:7; 15:10, Romans 5:6-9, and James 5:19-20**).

1. Conversion is an open opportunity (**Acts 3:19**).

2. Such were some of you (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**). How did they become washed (**Acts 18:8**)?

3. Conversion is wonderful (**Colossians 3:1-17**). We not only can (**I Peter 4:1-2**), but must cease from sin (**John 8:1-11, Romans 6:1-2, II Corinthians 6:14-7:1, and II Timothy 2:19**).

III. Conclusion: You cannot separate a sane person from what he or she does (**I John 3:1-10**).