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I. Introduction.

- A. A letter written in the context of an unpleasant circumstance.
- B. Certain men were teaching false things about the Christian faith.

II. False teaching.

A. Teaching things as other than that which they are.

- 1. Spiritual and physical things are.
- 2. It is our business to find the things as they are and then conform to that truth.
- 3. Therefore, doctrine is of critical importance.
 - a. God's moral law is just as fixed as the laws of mathematics.
 - b. When the law is broken, disaster is brought.

B. It is the falsifying of data.

- 1. Any false teaching of any sort must begin with a wrong understanding of God.
 - a. Men are not willing to let God be what He is.
 - b. God is the most important of all foundations.
 - c. If we take away any of the attributes away from God we weaken our concept of God.
 - d. Any wrong concept of God is bound to give us a false idea of ourselves.
 - 1) We ought to believe what God says about us.
 - a) Sin: it is rebellion, iniquity, and it causes the soul to die.
 - b) Christ.
 - 1) The Christ of the average religion is a manufactured and softened Christ.
 - 2) If one has a low conception of God, one has a degraded concept of himself and a disparaged concept of Christ.

C. We are called to contend and to preserve truth. We must not however be contentious nor injure any man.

1. We are to build ourselves up in the holy things. This requires praying in the Holy Spirit.
2. We need to do everything we can to pull others from the flames of hell.
3. We are to be courageous against false teaching.

Application questions.

1. What is false teaching and what are the consequences of it?

2. Why is it that our concept of God is most important when building a concept for everything else?

3. How are we to respond to false teaching? What will you do to prepare yourself to encounter untruths with zeal and love?
