

What God's Word says about . . . False Preachers/Teachers

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God. And every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God, and this is the spirit of the anti-christ, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

2 Corinthians 11:13-14 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And, no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

Is the preacher/teacher:

- ++ teaching that Jesus Christ as the Son of God, came to earth in the flesh, born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, and went to the Cross of Calvary as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind?
- ++ preaching about the death, burial and resurrection of Christ?
- ++ preaching about the Cross of Calvary and the reason that Christ suffered and died there?
- ++ preaching that ALL have sinned and need to REPENT of their sins?
- ++preaching that the ONLY way to be saved and go to Heaven is to repent, accept Jesus Christ as Savior and live according to God's Word?

Just because the preacher/teacher cites verses of the Bible, does NOT mean that they cannot be a false prophet. Even Satan knows Scripture and that Jesus Christ IS the Son of God!!

Acts 19:15 "And the evil spirit said; "Jesus, I know, Paul, I have heard about, but who are you?"

False teachers have no desire for their followers to "grow spiritually mature" – they would rather that their followers all remain "spiritual babes".

Hebrews 5:12-14 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food is for the mature who, because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

God's will for all is outlined in

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish, but for all to come to repentance.

There is only ONE true and living God - - all false religions serve a god who no longer lives!
God, the Father; God, the Son; and, God, the Holy Spirit are ALIVE and WELL!!! And will be for all eternity!