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## **FALSE DOCTRINES IN THE CHURCH TODAY**

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# Five false gospels that have infiltrated the evangelical church.

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## **THE FALSE GOSPEL OF PERMISSIVE GRACE.**

God loves you just as you are. God's unconditional love is interpreted as unconditional acceptance of one's lifestyle. To imply that God's unconditional love means we need not fear God's coming judgment is to give cover to unrepentant sinners. *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men"* [Romans 1:18] Calling Christians to repentance is not legalism. Jesus called 5 of the 7 churches in Revelation to repentance. We cannot emphasize grace to the exclusion of God's discipline and judgment.

## **THE FALSE GOSPEL OF SOCIAL JUSTICE.**

Leaving off preaching the cross of Christ and replacing it with doing good to your fellow man. The doctrine of personal repentance and holiness is replaced with a more practical gospel of helping the poor and needy. This is the concerns of earth without the concerns of eternity. The gospel is not what we can do for Jesus but what Jesus has done for us.

## **THE FALSE GOSPEL OF NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY.**

Less inclined to follow the dictates of

organized religion. Uncomfortable with being told what to believe but committed to finding a faith that is right for them. Seeking spiritual experiences independent of biblical doctrine. The only sure knowledge we have of God is based on Scripture. New age Christianity is attractive to those who have been disappointed by church. People want spirituality but not religion. This is in reality religion on their own terms in which people have a God who agrees with them about everything. *".....itching ears will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions"* [2 Timothy 4:3-4]

## **THE FALSE GOSPEL OF SEXUAL PREFERENCE.**

Churches and church leaders are reluctant to administer church discipline because they don't want to be accused of being hateful rather than loving. Homosexual relationships are not a sin but an alternative expression of one's humanity. When faced with choosing between the Bible and culture, they side with culture. We must distinguish between respect for all people and agreeing with their behavior. No Christian can truly follow Christ and endorse same sex relationships.

## **THE FLASH GOSPEL OF INTERFAITH DIALOGUE.**

A planned and organized forum that is employed by Muslim groups to present a more palatable version of Islam. Interfaith dialogue gives Muslim groups an uncontested platform to speak publicly of a version of Islam that does not exist in Muslim dominated countries nor in their own history and foundational writings. The chasm between Islam and jahiliyyah [society of unbelievers] requires a bridge be built not so that people on the two sides may mix with each other but only so that people of jahiliyyah may come over to Islam. Interfaith dialogue presents a sanitized version of Islam. Allowing false teachers to speak in the church under any condition is forbidden by Scripture [2 John 1:6-11]



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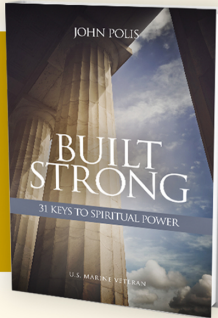
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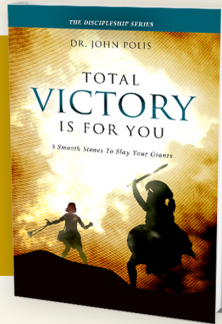
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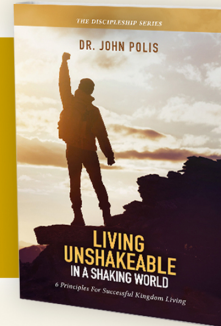
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