

STRONG TEACHING

I. Strong teaching is unique.

- A. By unique, I mean different from denominationalism.
 - 1. By this I don't mean that every thing we teach is to be different than denominationalism.
 - 2. This can't be the case because denominations teach about love, mercy and other biblical topics.
 - 3. We must teach on those as well because they are biblical and part of being strong.
- B. We are to be unique when talking about the church.
 - 1. Denominationalism says there are many bodies, but the Bible says there is only one (Ephesians 4:4).
 - 2. The church of the New Testament is different than what denominationalism teaches and we must teach the truth.
- C. We need to be unique when teaching about salvation.
 - 1. There are many different ways to be saved in the mind of men.
 - 2. There is only one pattern for salvation in the New Testament.
 - 3. We must teach the New Testament plan of salvation and it only.
- D. We need to be unique in our teaching about the Lord's Supper.
 - 1. It is to be taken every first day of the week (Acts 20:7).
 - 2. We need to teach the biblical standard and not bend it.
- E. We need to be unique in our teaching about divorce and remarriage.
 - 1. Jesus taught only one way for a person to scripturally remarry after divorce and that is because of fornication.
 - 2. Some say adultery is a one time act for which you can get forgiveness.
 - 3. Some say many different things, but the Bible says there is only one way and we need to teach that.
- F. You might think of other areas in which our teaching needs to be unique, such as about authority and instrumental music.
- G. For us to be strong, we must be unique in our teaching.

II. Strong teaching is undiluted.

- A. There are so many people in marriages that are not scriptural.
 - 1. Would it not be nice to be able to tell them they're okay?
 - 2. Many in the Lord's church do this.
 - 3. They dilute the doctrine of Christ by so doing.
- B. There are many people who believe they are saved as they are, whether it is by being obedient to denominational doctrine or by being a good person.
 - 1. Would it not be nice to tell them they are okay?
 - 2. Many in the Lord's church do this.
 - 3. They dilute the doctrine of Christ by so doing.
- C. We can't dumb down our teaching on modesty and be right with God.
 - 1. We have to teach our children God's standard of modesty and not the world's standard.

- 2. 1 Timothy 2:9-10.
- D. We have no right to change the doctrine of Christ.
 - 1. Galatians 1:6-9.
 - 2. Revelation 22:18-19.
 - 3. It is Christ's doctrine not ours, so we can't change it.
- E. Matthew 24:35.
- F. Satan wants us to dumb it down, dilute it and make it easy to obey.
 - 1. Because by doing this, we take the saving power away from the gospel.
 - 2. The gospel of the New Testament is God's only saving power (Romans 1:16).
 - 3. Only by obedience to the pure gospel of Christ can man have the hope of salvation.
- G. When we dilute God's word, we condemn people to hell.
- H. When we truly love souls, we will see that the only means of salvation for them is teaching them a pure gospel.

III. **Strong teaching is unbiased.**

- A. James 2:1-9.
- B. I know this passage specifically deals with treatment of others.
 - 1. However, we can show preferential treatment for others in our teaching.
 - 2. If, as a teacher or preacher, I know someone disagrees with me about a subject and I don't teach about it, or I change for that person, I have become biased and sin.
- C. The Lord was no respecter of persons and we can't be either (2 Chronicles 19:7; Romans 2:11).
- D. A teacher cannot be a man pleaser when in front of his/her class or audience.
 - 1. We become sinners when we do that (Galatians 1:10).
 - 2. No one wants to be guilty of this.
- E. As a preacher, I become no more than a hireling if I did this.
 - 1. I have heard of preachers that have done this.
 - 2. They want to keep their position more than preach the truth.
- F. A true servant of God is not biased in teaching but stays with God's word in all things, no matter what others may say or do.
- G. This is the example that we have from the apostles and early saints who gave their lives for the cause of Christ.