

Old Landmarkism – What is it?

Chapter 13 – 30 Minutes

How to Regard Teachers of False Doctrine

[Gal 1:7-8] ... ; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

[Gal 5:12] I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

[2Th 3:6] Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

[2Th 3:14] And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

Charge of Liberals against Landmark Baptists

“... non-association with the teachers of acknowledged and dangerous heresies ministerially, and the non-recognition of their societies ecclesiastically, is contrary to the teachings of Scripture.”

1. What do the scriptures teach?

a) Baptist Churches are scriptural Church organizations. If so, they alone constitute the visible kingdom of Christ. All Baptists admit this.

1) Paul and Peter distinctly affirm this, (see Heb 12 and 1 Pet 2:9).

2) In the OT, God chose one nation to be unto Him “a peculiar treasure”

3) They were instructed to keep separate from all nations to remain His

4) Intermingling with other nations brought on idolatry and reproach

b) Churches are in this position and taught to be separate from error

1) Paul taught the Churches that the mystery of iniquity was at work

2) Those who taught error in his day were leading Baptists

3) These didn't teach sacraments or infant sprinkling or priesthood

4) They did teach the covenant with Abraham was binding on Gentiles

c) Acts 15 presents situation faced by Paul

1) Vs 5, Pharisees were teaching, the need to be circumcised/keep law

2) Gal 2:4-6, “false brethren brought in unawares,” gave them no heed

3) Gal 6:12, reason for false teachers “to make a fair show in flesh”

4) This is same reason so many reproach Landmark Baptist teachings

d) 2 Cor 11:13-15; Is it possible children of God can enter service to satan?

e) Phil 3:18-19, Paul refers those he thought of “even weeping” who had become enemies of the cross of Christ

2. How did Paul instruct the Churches to treat these false teachers, though professed Christians and brethren?

a) Did he teach Churches to treat them as brethren beloved?

b) Did he teach preachers such as Timothy to welcome them to teach?

c) We find specific instructions given:

1) [Rom 16:17-18] Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

2) [2Th 3:6] Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

3) [2Th 3:14] And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

d) With these verses in mind, answer these questions?

1) Do Protestants, including modern Baptists, walk in true doctrines?

2) Do they open the Lord's Supper to all who wish to participate?

3) Do they receive all burial in water for baptism?

4) Do they only use administrators meeting qualifications in scripture?

5) The Lord said they are at peril who treat His word lightly:

[Mar 8:38] Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.

e) A. Barnes and Adam Clark on 1 Tim. 5:22

1) [1Ti 5:22] Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

2) Pg 108, ... we become patrons of the sin and of the heresy.

f) A. Barnes and Adam Clark on 2 John 10-11

1) [2Jo 1:10-11] If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

2) To act toward a minister as if he were sound, puts him in power to deceive others by us thus apparently accrediting his ministry

Questions

1. What is the charge of liberals against Landmark Baptists?

2. How are Churches to respond to doctrinal error?

3. What doctrinal error did Paul face from Pharisees in the Church?

4. What is a reason why people reproach Baptist Landmark teachings?

5. Did Paul teach Churches to treat teachers of false doctrine as brothers?

6. How does Roman 16:17 instruct the Church to treat teachers of false doctrine?

7. What did Barnes and Clark teach about 2 John vs 10-11?