



**PTB 28: A “That Sort” Outline of II Timothy, continued.**

**Gist: Watch for Christian Fables, Endure the Afflictions of Christian Fables, Working a Full Evangelistic Ministry.**

*“I charge you [a]therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead [b]at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”*

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*28-6: Before the fundamentalists took control of the SBC, the common understanding among most southern Baptist regulars was that they were*

*“fundamentalists”--you knew what they were against more than what they are for--but now that they are in political control of the convention, it is harder to sort out that sort, the Bible being the only possible criterion for fruit inspection and the only kind of righteous judgment, especially II Timothy 3:1-9. It can be said that if you can find one or more obvious habits in a church member as listed in this list of THAT SORT, then they are of that sort.*

1. You can always go by the nature of their message if it includes the untruth of certain patterns of words like “secret rapture”, “millennium”, and “dispensations of time and Bible divisions”.

2. Then they should back up with some bad behaviors and attitudes from the list of II Timothy 3:1-9 to convince you that they are of that sort that tamper with total Bible truth and have become more academic than spiritual in their religion. As you read that list from the Bible, or below, don't forget as the commentators agree, that all fundamentalists will not exhibit all the bad habits and bad attitudes in the list; but their group will!

(1) At the top of the list are “lovers of self” and “lovers of money” perhaps the two most tell tale signs of this sort.

(2). "Boasters and Proud" are more easily covered up by this sort, justified in the ways of the world often as success and permitted pride like in the world.

(3). Blasphemers are really hard to find, while you are sorting out that sort, unless you have caught the spirit and message of II Timothy, that often blaspheme can be those "little" distortions of the total truth of God as given in the Bible. Those things that for years in the Convention we tolerated, until we started to see the inevitable results of truth distortions.

(4). "Disobedient to parents" is really hard to understand as coming from Paul and the Spirit of God, for we would be very reluctant to accept that any church member or leader to make such a bold violation of the 10 commandments...unless, we consider that in deny sound doctrine, this sort has also denied the heritage for truth of their parents, truth most often recognized as Baptist doctrine. "Unthankful and unholy" is also difficult to see in this sort of Christian leaders for we, like God and the Word of God, can not peer into their hearts. I would think that once again, it might be more related to the heritage of the Baptist that have gone before them, parents and otherwise, that they in their quest for academics and disciples, have neglected thankfulness and holiness for that heritage.

(5). "unloving, unforgiving, and slanderers" is easy for us as we saw between 1970 and 1980 and following with the fundamentalists destruction of the careers and reputations of many outstanding, supposedly

Christian brothers, in leading pulpits and colleges and seminaries. Even more in denominational positions. And that split under the influence of that sort, and direction of that sort, of the Convention into 3 conventions. Do you really think that God is going to overlook the bad feelings and results of that sort?

(6). If any self-control was exercised among that sort of "without self control", pastors and lawyers, as they met in secret to forge a revolution in the SBC by controlling politically the convention by electing presidents between 1970 and 1980.

(7). It does not matter what they thought of themselves or even the respect they had from their own group as they brutally slaughtered careers and reputations of better men than themselves, the end results to the extent that their follies have come to light among the average church member, they were indeed "despisers of the good". And what did they gain for this slaughter of the innocents? Disciples to themselves, control, and academic recognition as being smarter than other pastors and teachers.

(8). "traitors, headstrong, and haughty" would describe the disregard of this sort toward the Baptist heritage and statements of faith.

(9). It is hard to understand but the pleasure of this control of a vast body of Christian people must have given them some pleasure as they gave priority to being "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God".

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28-7: *Sorry we got off of the necessity for complete truth in the Bible through true doctrines, and on to the bad habits and attitudes, even practices with academics, of THAT SORT. Now, we will remedy that by looking again how often the word “truth” is used in II Timothy, and the connection to doctrine; however, in passing to the end of this outline of II Timothy, it should be noted that “righteous judgment” as compared to the appearance and impression practice of the world, a practice that fundamentalists have used to court their communities and world is also truth.*

Recall how Jesus said in the sermon on the mount of the most religious leaders of all times, the Jewish Pharisees and scribes, that “Unless your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20).

1. Truth # 1 in II Timothy, truth in doctrine and religion, truth as desecrated by THAT SORT in the church.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (II Timothy 2:15)

Before Paul launches into revelations about that sort of persons in the church body, he holds up a positive and high standard of truth and the word of truth, which we immediately see as Bible truth. Even as fundamentalists of American Christianity has hidden behind the word "literal" related to the Bible, to cover up so many of their sorts of indiscretions to the Bible, so they have had, as you well know, in the history of American Christianity, mis-used "rightly dividing the word of truth" to cover up, rationalize, and justify dividing up the Bible into time and group divisions, choosing themselves how to divide when and what is for what group of God's people. You should be able to see that they have used the word "literal" as a cover up, like the robes of righteousness of the Pharisees, how from their academic theology they have tried to sneak in words that are literally not even in the Bible, like secret rapture, millennium, and dispensations.

2. Truth #2 in II Timothy, truth in doctrine and hermeneutics, religion and truth as distorted by that sort.

**"...who (Hymenaeus, Philetus, and others of that sort throughout Christian history} have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some." (II Timothy 2:18)**

You clearly notice here that this sort has strayed from doctrine and truth, truth being so very closely related to doctrine. Specifically they were the

original blasphemers of a secret rapture, telling their people and churches that the gathering of the saints by the second coming of Christ resurrection had already happened, and that they were not Christians because they did not even know about. Some of that same sort of message and thinking is in the preaching of that sort today. They strive to make new converts to their group with a fear that they can miss a postulated secret rapture; and if you have grown up in southern Baptist work, especially among preacher boys, you know how they make claims, spoken or otherwise, that if you do not believe in the Scofield Reference Bible Notes on eschatology, you are among the wood and clay members of the house of God instead of them, if you are Christian at all.

3. Truth #3 in II Timothy, truth about the resurrection, about doctrine and hermeneutics, and religion and truth. You know, one way you can see how serious are the distortions of this fundamentalist sort is, is to recall that the second coming of Christ with the gathering of the saints, is also part of the gospel, not to be distorted or to be accursed, as it deals with the completion of salvation as "we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.". Also you should note that it is most often the case among those same fundamentalists that they think one instant act of redemption is all there is to salvation. "I was saved, and that is all there is to it." Hang sanctification and glorification as part of the truth of salvation.

"And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel {have you noticed how increasing from southern Baptist leaders, lawyers and politicians or pastors, it is magnified and practiced to quarrel through debate<sup>1</sup>} but be gentle to all {you did not see this gentleness as the BBFers split the convention and destroyed careers and reputations in the name of a secret rapture, or exclusiveness on the truth in the church}, able to teach, patient; in humility correcting those who are in opposition to the truth, if God will perhaps grant them repentance, so that they may know {the full and complete} truth." (II Timothy 2:24,25)

4. Truth #4 in II Timothy 3:7,8, two mentions of "truth" and we are starting to accumulate so many on truth as it would seem that II Timothy is more a book of truth than on the departures from truth of that sort. You would think by the proliferation of that sort today and in the news, that these either consider themselves above the truth, like Nixon was above the law, or that think of themselves as truth makers. Since that is what generators of special revelations are, and since we know that in Ireland with Pentecostal meetings, as one woman had a vision, that was a historical beginning of churches of the secret rapture.

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<sup>1</sup>Debate is the new and acceptable way of quarreling, most generally comes from that sort; being naturally feed by the practices of lawyers where they are trained and experienced to debate both sides as if they are both true and truth.

"...always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the TRUTH. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these {of this sort} resist the TRUTH, men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith." (II Timothy 3:7,8)

At least you would have to include this sort as having a lack of intellectual honesty, in the world of Elton Trueblood, if not a just plain lack of respect for the truth. We know lawyers, especially the best of them, out a polished debated of both sides independent of truth can become gaddled on integrity and truth; and not only are we aware that many of the secret rapture advocates, including Scofield himself, got their start in law. However, we are shocked to find these fundamentalists ministers, except those who started in law or became enamored with debate {Paul calls it vain babbling and quarreling} showing a similar disregard and disrespect for total and complete truth. It is almost as if they are willing to set aside everything else they have learned in the Bible when they come to eschatology, violating the fundamental principle of hermeneutics of comparing scripture with scripture, staying in context, and the ASPI version of the Bible--"no scripture is of any private interpretation", evangelists of literalism or the fundamentalists that now control the SBC no matter how large the pulpit and the church. Once again, a sign of the times is like Dr. R. G. Lee predicted in Menace of Mediocrity, "Wrens make prey where eagles dare

not perch". Dare we ignore that respected church leaders like Rogers, Criswell, and Stanley led in the takeover of the SBC, and can we forget hearing Criswell tell Bill Moyer that "we are going to keep fighting until one side of the other wins". These three, two of whom are now deceased, have their disciples, many of whom are notable at the top of the heap in the SBC, and even though now in control they are quieter and holier than before the takeover, beware because now having political control they are more interested in doctrinal control. Tim LeMay, in liaison with such noted fundamentalists as Falwell and Stanley {originators of the moral majority} made new secret rapture breakthroughs when the "Left Behind Books" were published. Even though they are fiction, much of the public actually thinks it is Bible, and the fundamentalists have been emboldened to come out of the closet with their secret eschatology.

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*28-8: We are beginning to recognize that this sort is much like the Tea Party sort, especially as you see their behavior in Congress, and in the meetings before that when they heckled and disrespected Senators; and knowing that this party was largely started by white, retired millionaires, and the young lawyers they sent to Washington, it lets us see on both the religious and political scene that integrity for truth is about ready to die,*

*the ultimate result of the Falling Way as church leaders and church people in the fourth stage of the Falling Away of II Timothy 4:4,5 turn away from the truth and turn into fables.*

**"For the time will come when they {hopefully you see this they as the previous and total subject matter of II Timothy, and of the cancer of their message and methods that grew through perilous times into these last days of the last days} will not endure sound doctrine {the Falling Away starts mildly with a tolerable intolerance toward sound doctrine, little turning aside from the ways and means of that sort}, but according to their own desires {wants, desires, prejudices, and emotions dominant as the falling away progresses<sup>2</sup>}, because they have itching ears {you should think of these sort described previously in II Timothy, starting with the itching ears of Hymenaeus as of that sort, and they have multiplied each other in fundamentalists schools and pulpits outstripping the regular Southern Baptists like Summers and McDowell as the more aggressive sort<sup>3</sup>}, they will**

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<sup>2</sup>And convictions without Bible support and with bad Bible hermeneutics.  
What this sort want to be true, rather than what is truth!

<sup>3</sup>Again the Tea Party is a good representation. It has been estimated by the news that this party represents only 18 % of the American people, and of course not even the Republican Party. And even though it started as a movement of white retired millionaires, they with Republican state governors were able to gerrymander the voting districts in very unusual and weird shapes to get this few but vocal tea partyers sent to Congress.

heap up for themselves teachers {in law, in Baptist church academic schools, in seminaries, and primarily in pulpits}, and they will turn their ears away from truth {have you not noticed that this sort does not listen anymore, to the people or to truth}, and be turned aside to fables {fables was the beginning of this sort with the fable of the secret rapture, and unless we wake up it can be the end for us all}." (II Timothy 4:4,5)

And how can we end a comparison of the message of "that sort" versus truth, without a brief and Bible quote consideration on what is true and truth--

"Now, brethren {you immediately recognize that Paul has something to straighten out in first century Christianity, and so do we today}, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ {you of that sort this is about the second coming, the events, and the time sequence, don't overlook it again} and our gathering together with him {that sort likes to us a non Bible word and words of secret rapture, but how about the pattern of sound words in "our gathering together with him"--that is difficult to misunderstand unless you try very hard}, WE ASK YOU..."

NOTE: This is a reasonable request from Paul to protect the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and primarily a request from God through Paul.

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"not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled..." {it was not soon as it took over two thousand years for Christianity, primarily the SBC, to get in this mess} "either by spirit, or word or by letter as if from us, as though the Day of Christ had come..."

NOTE: In our wildest imagination we can speculate that Scofield was given golden plates from an unknown supernatural being, he inscribed them in the SRB notes in 1909 and 1918, and then they disappeared again, taking on at least in the minds of fundamentalists an invisible and secret additional of new revelations letter from Paul. And surely Paul himself does not recognize the "gathering of the saints" from this lost should be dead sea scrolls that are invisible.

"Let no one {no matter how large the pulpit or denominational position} deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed..." (II Thessalonians 2:1-2)

Final NOTE: Even as Paul said, "follow me in that I follow Christ", or to the extent that I follow Christ, so Baptist intellectually honest with the Bible would say follow BAPTISTS only to the extent they follow the New Testament pattern, doctrine, and pattern of sound words.

