

The Disaster of the Deception of the Sin Nature

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'The Sin Nature Allures Believers by Means of False Teaching' **Beware of False Teachers**

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I. Warnings to Beware

[Point A. and all sub points see previous note sheets]

- B. The Apostle **Paul's** Warnings to Believers cf Acts 20:28-30; 2 Thess. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-11; Titus 1:10-14: His Warning to the **Elders** in the Church at Ephesus cf Acts 20:28-30

[Points 1. through 8. and any sub points see previous note sheets]

9. The **Second Reason** Elders Must Take Heed to Themselves and Provide for the *Spiritual Supervision, Spiritual Protection, and Spiritual Well-Being* of the Believers, in Whose Midst the Holy Spirit Has Placed Them to Shepherd
Some Elders Will Arise: 'Speaking

"Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse / twisted things, / distort the truth / to draw away disciples after them." Acts 20:30

[Points a. and b. and any sub points see previous note sheets]

- c. The **Purpose** of False Teachers Twisting the Scriptures in Order to Mislead Believers to **Draw Away** The Learners and Adherents of Jesus and Get Those They Mislead to **Follow** After Them

- 1) The Word 'After' / 'to Follow' (ὀπίσω) English Transliteration *opiso* Literally Means 'Behind', cf Mt. 16:23; Mk. 8:33; Lk. 7:38 Philipp. 3:13 'After' cf Mt. 3:11; 16:24; Mk. 1:7; 8:34; Lk. 9:23 Lk 14:23; 19:14 'Back' cf Mt. 24:18; Mk. 13:16; Lk. 9:62; 17:31 'Withdraw' Jn. 6:66; 18:6; the Word Is Figuratively to Express the Thought of Willingly **Accepting** and Following the **Leadership**, Command, Guidance of Another Person cf Mt. 4:19; Mk. 1:17, 20; Lk. 21:8; Acts 5:37; 1 Tim. 5:15; 2 Pet. 2:10; Jude 7; Rev. 13:3

10. Logical **Conclusion** and **Commanded** Course of Action

"Therefore, watch, and remember, that for the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears." Acts 20:31

- a. 'Therefore' / 'So be' (διό) English Transliteration *dio* a Strong Inferential Conjunction Expressing That a **Definite** Course of Action Is to Be Taken cf Acts 10:28-29; Rm. 1:22-24; 2 Cor. 2:6-8
- b. The Definite Course of Action That Is to Be Taken Is Expressed by the Word(s): 'Watch' / 'Be Alert' / 'Be on Your Guard' / 'Watchout' (γρηγορέω) English Transliteration *gregoreo* Literally = 'To Be Awake' cf Rev. 3:2-3 ; the Best English Word to Use When Translating this Greek Word Must Be Determined by the **Context** cf Mt. 24:42
- c. The Context of Acts 20:31 I Would Translate the Word Remain **Vigilant** = Keenly Watchful to Detect the **Danger** cf 1 Pet. 5:8
- d. The Verb Is in the Present Tense, Plural, Active Voice, Imperative Mood Meaning The Holy Spirit Is **Commanding** All Elders to **Continue** to Remain Vigilant

11. **Remember** Paul's Example 31, 33-35 cf 1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1

- a. Imperative Participle, Present Tense, Hence a **Command** Calling for Elders to **Continually** To Keep This in the **Forefront** of Their Minds
- b. Elders Are to Remember: That Paul Did Not Cease to Earnestly Warn / Admonish Everyone The Whole Time He Was with Them The Word 'Warn' / 'Admonish' νουθετέω English Transliteration *noutheteo* = Earnest Effort to Influence the *Thinking* of Another by **Instruction**, Exhortative Correction, **Warning** cf Rm. 15:14; 1 Cor. 4:14; Col. 1:28 Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:12, 14; 2 Thess. 3:15; LXX cf 1 Sam. 3:13
- c. Elders Are To Remember Paul's Personal **Emotional** Involvement in the Work

"Therefore, watch, and remember, that for the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears." Acts 20:31

- d. Elders Are To Remember Paul Didn't Do This for the **Money** cf Acts 20:33-35

"I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me." Acts 20:33-34

- e. Elders Are to Follow Paul's **Example** to the Extent Paul Followed the **Example of Jesus** and Every Believer Would Do Well to Do the Same cf 1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1

"Wherefore, I beseech you, be ye followers of me." 1 Cor. 4:16

"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." 1 Cor. 11:1