

## OUTLINE - ROMANS 16:17-23 ...

- (1) Watch out for false teachers, 16:17a.
  - (2) Avoid false teachers, 16:17b-19.
  - (3) God will soon crush Satan under our feet, 16:20.
- ... Final greetings passed on, 16:21-23.

### ■ THREAT OF FALSE TEACHERS BEING AMONG US ...

- (2 Peter 2:1 ESV) **But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you**, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

### ■ THREAT OF FALSE TEACHERS RISING UP IN OUR OWN GROUP ...

- (Acts 20:28–32 NIV84) **Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers.** Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. 29 I know that after I leave, **savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.** 30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. 31 **So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.** 32 Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

### ■ THE BELIEVER WHO IS CAPTURED BY THE DEVIL TO DO HIS WILL ...

- (2 Timothy 2:23–26 ESV) Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 **correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.**

### WATCH OUT FOR THOSE WHO TEACH CONTRARY DOCTRINE!

Contrary doctrine is doctrine that opposes Paul's teaching.

Paul taught that we are saved by faith no works.

Watch out for those who teach works salvation.

Not water baptism.

Not church attendance.

Not tithing.

Not penance.

Not observing any rules.

**NO WORKS.**

### THE MOST CONTRARY DOCTRINE? WORKS SALVATION!

### ■ JUSTIFIED BY FAITH NOT BY WORKS AS PAUL TAUGHT IN ROMANS ...

- (Romans 3:20 ESV) For **by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight**, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.
- (Romans 3:24 ESV) And are **justified by his grace as a gift**, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

- (Romans 3:28 ESV) For we hold that one is **justified by faith apart from works** of the law.
- (Romans 4:2–3 ESV) For **if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.** For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham **believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.**"
- (Romans 4:4–5 ESV) **Now to the one who works**, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And **to the one who does not work but believes** in him who justifies the ungodly, **his faith is counted as righteousness.**
- (Romans 4:6 ESV) Just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom **God counts righteousness apart from works.**
- (Romans 5:1 ESV) Therefore, since we have been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- (Romans 5:9 ESV) Since, therefore, we have now been **justified by his blood**, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- (Romans 9:11 ESV) Though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, **not because of works but because of him who calls.**
- (Romans 9:16 ESV) So then it **depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.**
- (Romans 9:32 ESV) Why? Because **they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone.**
- (Romans 11:6 ESV) **But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works;** otherwise grace would no longer be grace.