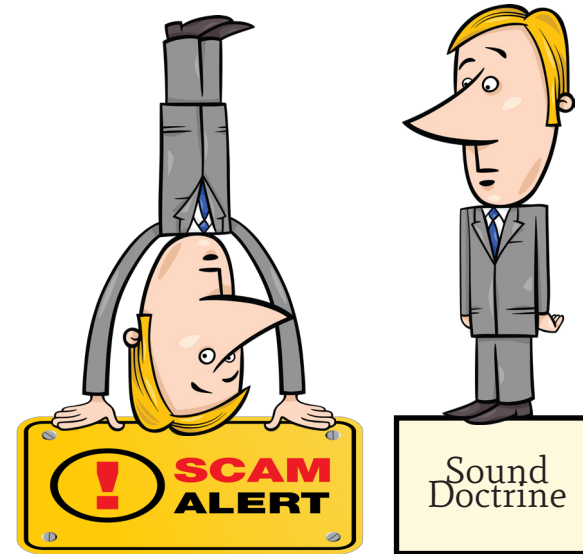


- Paul counted everything that was part of his previous efforts to work for his salvation as rubbish. He realized that he had only created a self-made, homemade righteousness—a righteousness of his own doing, but not the righteousness of Jesus Christ.



TURNING FALSE TEACHING ON ITS HEAD ...

A false teacher is “turned on his head” when confronted with sound exegesis and interpretation.

- (Galatians 4:21 ESV) Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law?

Paul continues to expose the anti-biblical direction of those who persist in works salvation. We are to follow his example.

- (Galatians 2:5 ESV) To them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you.

And we must continue to go to the Scriptures and expose and undermine those “having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people” (2 Timothy 3:5 ESV).

This reminds me of Jesus’ confrontation with the Sadducees. After a convoluted

introduction concerning a hypothetical woman, seven hypothetical brothers and death and remarriage ... they finally ask ... “Whose wife will she be?”

Jesus turns them on their head in pointing out—as we are likewise to do—that they neither knew the Scriptures nor the power of God.

- (Mark 12:24-27 ESV) Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.”

Zing ... “Have you not read in the book of Moses?”

You will find this consistently. Those who believe and teach works salvation do not know the Scriptures they are using for their false teaching.

Stay with the Scriptures and God will expose them. We need to have an unrelenting perseverance to undermine their false claim that they have the same mission we have and that they are doing the same work that we are doing. No they are not!

- (2 Corinthians 11:12 ESV) And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do.