

THE LAST DAYS

Part 6 – False Christians In The Last Days

How Will People Act In The Last Days?

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 - In the last days there will be very difficult times. ² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. ³They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control; they will be cruel and have no interest in what is good. ⁴They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. ⁵ They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

In the last days, people will follow:

1. Things that sound _____

2 PETER 3:3 - I want to remind you that in the last days there will be scoffers who will laugh at the truth and do every evil thing they desire.

2. Things that sound _____

1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-21 - I know very well how foolish the message of the cross sounds to those who are on the road to destruction. But we who are being saved recognize this message as the very power of God. ¹⁹ As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy human wisdom and discard their most brilliant ideas." ²⁰ So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made them all look foolish and has shown their wisdom to be useless nonsense. ²¹ Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never find him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save all who believe.

3. Things that sound _____

2 TIMOTHY 4:2-4 - Preach the word of God. Be persistent, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. ³ For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to right teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever they want to hear. ⁴ They will reject the truth and follow strange myths.

The Characteristics of a False Church

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2 - The Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from what we believe; they will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons. These teachers are hypocrites and liars. They pretend to be religious, but their consciences are dead.

2 PETER 2:1-3 - There were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach their destructive heresies about God and even turn against their Master who bought them. Theirs will be a swift and terrible end. ² Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of them, Christ and his true way will be slandered. ³ In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction is on the way.

In too many churches there is an offer of Christianity without a cross, a revival but no repentance. A confession but no real conversion, heaven without a hell. This is not true Christianity, this is a form of cultural religion that is dead and worthless. It's nothing more than better behaved moral people, that adhere to the practices and principles of Biblical teaching as long as it's not too offensive, or as long as it's helpful. But the moment the truth offends or insults one's personal belief, it's disregarded and ignored.

1) Biblical doctrine is _____.

2) Overemphasis on _____ and _____ as a means to reach God rather than the word of God.

3) Attempt to desensitize people by an acceptance of _____ and _____ condemned in the Bible.

4) A move towards a one-world religion under the appearance of _____ and _____.