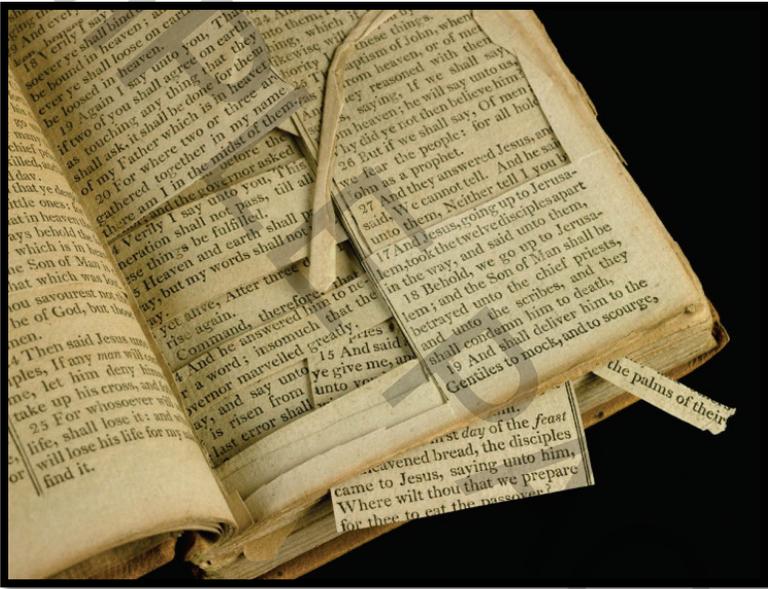


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DEDICATION

This Book is dedicated to God, my Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Allow a brief explanation. I attended Bible College when the rage was to be a “Christian” psychologist. I originally thought that was the path I wanted to pursue! I wasted hours taking psychology classes, reading psychology books written from a secular and “Christian” perspective and learning to administer psychological tests. However, as I studied the Word of God, the Holy Spirit of God drove home the truth of **2 Peter 1:2-3**. The Lord changed the direction of my life and called me to Preach The Word! As verse three says –

3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

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My Bible opened to 2 Peter 1:2-3

2 "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." 2 Peter 1:2-3

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CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

The cure for the sinful soul and the problems of life was the vital ministry of the church, using the Word of God, for more than 1900 years.

The early Church faced and ministered to mental-emotional behavioral problems that were as complex as the ones that exist today. If anything, the conditions were more difficult than those we face today. The early church suffered persecution, poverty, and various afflictions which are foreign to most twentieth-century Christians (especially in the West). The catacombs of Rome are a testimony to the extent of the problems faced by the early Church.¹

But, as in every generation, there are those who do not want to submit to the Word of God. Freud and Jung were two such individuals from their generation. They boldly rejected the authority of the Word of God, but they did not stop there. They developed a theory that they claimed offered an alternative solution for the sin problem and the problems of life. It was called psychology. Freud and Jung believed that they had found a means through which the soul of man could be perfected without

having to repent of sin and submit to God. Man didn't need Jesus as his Savior; he could be his own Savior.

From this root, psychology has grown by leaps and bounds with more than 250 separate systems of psychotherapy. But what is even more mind-boggling is that the Christian church has been duped into buying into this human wisdom. There are many Christians that have been convinced that the difficult problems of life need more than Word of God and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. However, the Bible assures us,

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:" 2 Peter 1:3

and

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.. because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3.

Non-believers can only attain spiritual life and health by surrender to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. That is the direction the church should be pointing them. Psychological techniques, even in the name of Jesus, cannot produce spiritual life. It's time we get back to the Bible!²

The church must minister under unction of the Holy Spirit—not according to man's wisdom. The

problem is that many churches and Christians have been *spoiled* by the humanly devised philosophy of psychology.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8

Examining Some Of The Words of Colossians 2:8

The key word in this verse is **spoil**. When we hear the word, we think it means "*to become unfit for use or consumption, as from decay.*" But that is not the meaning of the word in the New Testament context. The word *spoil* is translated from the Greek word *sulagogeō*, (soo-lag-ogue-eh'-o—Strong's #4812) which means "*to carry off as a captive and a slave.*" Zodhiates says in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary of the New Testament* that the word means "*to carry away. To lead off as prey...rob, or kidnap. Figuratively, (used) of the destructive effects of false teachers who rob believers of the complete riches available in Christ and revealed in the gospel.*"

- **Philosophy** (5385)-- The Greek word *philosophia* (fil-os-of-ee'-ah) actually means a friend to wisdom or love of wisdom. The word came to

mean the doctrines, beliefs, ideologies of the unsaved and Gentile philosophers.

- **Vain** (2756) means hollow, empty, meaningless.
- **Deceit** (539) means anything that is deceptive.
- **Tradition** (3862)— An ideology, belief, doctrine or instruction communicated from one to another. In this verse the ideologies are those developed by men.
- **Rudiments** (4747)—Rudiments means principles or basics. In this context these principles are derived from the minds of lost men.

Now, when I put it all together I believe Paul was sounding this warning...

Watch out! You will encounter numerous people promoting deceptive, empty man-made ideas that sound good but are based on the world's wisdom and not God's wisdom. If you are not discerning, you will be brainwashed and be led away from the sufficiency that is in Christ.

Note the next two verses. **Colossians 2:9-10**

9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Though there are many philosophies that have wormed their way into Bible believing Churches,