Exposing Counterfeits – Choosing That Which Is Real

• We Want To **Expose The Counterfeit** And **Choose The Real**

• Taking A Gamble On A Counterfeit Is Always A Losing Proposition
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• To Spot A Counterfeit:
  – Don’t Be Fooled By The Packaging
  – Examine The Contents

• Follow The Trail Of The Counterfeiters
  – There’s “Something In It” For Them
  – It Is Usually About The Money
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• We Need To
  – Study
  – Meditate On
  – Apply

• God’s Word
  – Until We Are So Familiar With It That We Cannot Be Fooled
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• (Acts 19:11-20 NIV) God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, (12) so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them. (13) Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out."
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• (14) Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. (15) One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" (16) Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.
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• (17) When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. (18) Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. (19) A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. (20) In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.
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• A Counterfeit Is Close To Right But It’s Not Right

• A Counterfeit -- May Use The Right Words Or Formula -- But It Emanates From The Wrong Spirit

• True Spiritual Power That Is Of God Is Not About A Religion -- A Form -- A Formula

• God’s Kingdom Goes Forth On The Basis Of A Relationship With The King
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• We Don’t “Invoke” Jesus
  We Preach And Proclaim Him!

• Every Ounce Of Power We Have Over
  The Kingdoms Of Darkness Is By His
  Power And His Authority
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• The 7 Sons Of Sceva Were Counterfeits Doing A Right Thing -- In A Wrong Way

• In The Spiritual Realm: Where Something That Is Real & Godly -- There Will Be God Honoring Results

• Where There Is Something That Is Fake Or Counterfeit -- The Result Will Be Chaos
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• A Test For Those In The Church: Is What They Have Real?

• “You Will Know Them By Their Fruit”
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• The Result:
  – Many Feared The Lord
  – High Honor For The Name Of Jesus
  – Many Believed And Confessed
  – Burned Their Counterfeit Scrolls
  – The Word Of The Lord Spread
  – The Word Grew In Power

• In The End -- The Real Was Established And The Counterfeit Was Put Down!
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• All Of This Is Applicable To Us In Christ!

• It’s Not A Bout Learning A New Form Of Worship Or A Formula -- It Is Christ In Us The Hope Of Glory
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• What We Receive As A Christian Is Not The Point

It's *Who We Are* And

*Who We Become*
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• (2 Cor 5:17 NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

• (Eph 2:10 NIV) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
(1 Pet 2:9-10 NIV) But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (10) Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
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• When You Begin To See Yourself As A Child Of God, Spiritually Alive In Christ

You'll Begin To Live In Victory And Freedom.
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- (John 1:12 NIV) Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

- **I AM GOD'S CHILD**
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• (1 Cor 6:17 NIV) But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

• I AM UNITED WITH THE LORD… ONE WITH HIM IN SPIRIT.
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• (1 Cor 6:20 NIV) you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

• I AM VALUABLE TO THE LORD, HE BOUGHT ME WITH A PRICE.
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• (1 Cor 12:27 NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

• I AM A PART OF THE BODY OF CHRIST
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• (Eph 1:5 NIV) he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—

• I HAVE BEEN ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY -- BY THE WILL AND PLEASURE OF THE LORD.
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• (Col 1:14 NIV) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

• I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED. I HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN FOR MY SINS.
(Col 2:10 NIV) and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.

I AM COMPLETE IN CHRIST
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• Every Christian Believer Has Received With That Relationship An Acceptance And A Value That Is Tremendous:
  • You Are Accepted In Christ
  • You Are His Child
  • You Are Complete
  • You Are Extremely Valuable In Christ