

## “Cleanse Yourself from Lawlessness”

### II Tim2:14-26

**Vs.15-** This is what we should all be striving for... and the only way to get there is to study the WOG. Study, Study, Study.

**Vs16-** What does worldly and empty chatter lead to? Ungodliness

### **Vs.18- Men who have gone away from the truth**

The Resurrection isn't really a big issue today. Unless you start talking about the rapture, which we won't.

But Can you imagine though, being alive in the day of the Resurrection of Yeshua, There is an account in the gospels (Math.27:51-53) of the dead in Christ walking around the streets of Jerusalem for all too see.

What if you were there to see that- you might have thought that the resurrection occurred and you missed it. What if there was talk of a rapture back in those days, you might of thought you missed it. This event could have cause some issues!

When studying Gods word we must be careful in how we handle the truth. We don't want to add to or take away from it. An example is the coming of Messiah, most bible scholars seemed to have missed His 2 comings and when He came as a suffering servant, they didn't recognize Him.

**But what is the issue today?** In what way have men gone astray from the truth? I believe there are 2 main areas.

1. We take the **traditions of man** and mix them with the true worship of the One, True, Living God. Traditions like Christmas and Easter and Lint which have pagan origins.
2. The Law is completely irrelevant. Or we pick and choose what we want to keep out of the Law. It's all about grace, just say this little prayer and continue in your sins and your saved. **Lawlessness.**

**Vs.19-This is the firm foundation of God, "Let him who names the name of the Lord abstain from lawlessness!**

**Strong's 93**= wickedness, iniquity, or unrighteousness

Abstain from iniquity, wickedness, from unrighteousness

**I Jn.5:17-** (93) different word, but same # - unrighteousness is sin

**I Jn.3:4** – Sin is Lawlessness

**Vs.20 – Are you a vessel of honor or dishonor?**

I've come to this conclusion: you can be used by God and God can let His anointing flow through you and you can be a vessel of dishonor.

How else does God use lawless people to speak to others?

So just because God uses you to speak to someone, don't think your self high and mighty! You could still be a vessel for dishonor.

Didn't God use a Donkey to speak to Balaam? I'll bet the anointing was pouring off that Donkey!

Remember God can use anything or anyone He chooses to use!

**Vs.21-** Cleanse your self from what things? What's he talking about here?

Cleanse yourself from iniquity, unrighteousness, wickedness

**He is saying cleanse yourself from Lawlessness!**

And you'll be a vessel for honor; Sanctified

The law isn't a means of salvation; but it is a means of Sanctification

Sanctification is the process of getting your walk and your ways in line with Gods Word, His Ways, His Law, or His instruction!

**Sanctification = Vines** – the separation of the believer from evil things and ways. (separation from what? Traditions of men that are pagan and lawlessness)

It cannot be transferred or imputed, it is an individual possession, built up, little by little, as the result of obedience to the Word of God. (What's God's Word? **Ijn.2:7**-The old commandment is the Word)

**IThes.4:3** – This is Gods will

So you see the difference between Salvation; where Yeshua imputes His righteousness to you because He paid your fine for you.

Sanctification is the process of learning Gods instructions and obeying it!

This is why James said in **Acts15:21**- Go to the synagogue on Shabbat and learn the law of Moses!

**Vs.22**- What is righteousness? **Ps.119:172**(all Thy commandments are righteousness)

**Vines definition of righteousness is this:** whatever has been appointed by God to be acknowledged and obey by man- Can we say the instructions of God or the Torah or Gods commandments!

Pursue the commandments of God!

**Vs.25**- there's that word gentleness again, as we saw Wed. in Heb.5

We are to correct those in opposition with gentleness.

**Who is in opposition?** Unsaved, the lawless, the Preachers of lawlessness; or Preachers and keepers of parts of the Law that appeal to them, but not the whole law. Can we say Christians!

**Repentance= Teshuva= turn from your wicked ways to the truth of Gods ways!**

**Vs.26- who is they?** I believe he's talking about the lawless; men who have gone astray from the truth.

The devil has a will and he has held some captive to do his will.

We need to pray that they come to their senses and do all we can to speak the truth in love and correct them with gentleness.

### **What is dulling their senses?**

#### **2 Thes. 2:1-12**

**Vs.7-** the mystery of lawlessness/iniquity/ unrighteousness comes from strongs 458 which is a synonym to 93

**Lawlessness is already at work-** it's the underlying plan of the devil- the devil is in the desensitizing business.

It started with desensitizing people to not keeping the Sabbath, and the rest of Gods appointed times, and eventually it will encompass the whole Law.

You might be thinking to yourself no way, never. But I'll bet that's what Paul and the rest of the apostles thought about the appointed times of God!

**Dan.7:25-** he will intend to make alterations in times and law

**Vs.10-** with every deception of what? Lawlessness

Why will they be deceived with lawlessness? Because they didn't receive the love of the truth!

They loved not the Truth!

**Vs.11-** For this reason God sends a deluding influence upon them, so they might believe what is false.

So they believe a lie! Is Christmas a lie? Is Easter a Lie?

Is Lawlessness a lie? Is not keeping the Sabbath a lie? Is not keeping the Appointed times of God a lie? Is it a lie that it's ok to eat pork and shrimp?

If it's in the bible, especially the OT- then you need to obey it! Obey God's instructions to you! Don't obey me or my instructions- if they are different from Gods- Obey God; keep Torah- **Cleanse yourself from lawlessness!**

**So- What is dulling their senses? A Strong Delusion, a deluding influence**

**And that delusion is that lawlessness is ok!**

**Delusion=** straying away from obedience

**Vs.12-** believe= have enough faith in too trust and obey.