

## HERESY, AND HOW TO TREAT IT

### II John 9-13

#### Introduction:

- A. Is there such a thing as heresy?
  - 1. Are there false teachers?
  - 2. Do people pervert the scriptures?
  
- B. John wrote of certain ones who transgressed and abided not in the doctrine of Christ.
  - 1. vs. 9.
  - 2. He knew what Jesus had said.
  
- C. Jesus taught that there would be false churches.
  - 1. Parable of Tares.
  - 2. The tares are false churches.
  
- D. Paul warned of false Apostles.
  - 1. II Cor. 11:13 "But such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ."

### I. WHAT IS THE "DOCTRINE OF CHRIST"?

- A. The specific doctrine of God incarnate in Jesus Christ.
  - 1. vs. 7
  - 2. "I and my Father are one." John 10:30.
  - 3. "If you have the Son, you have the Father."
  
- B. "whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God."
  - 1. transgresseth = to go before, to run ahead. Goes beyond the limits of the teaching of Christ. Teachers who offered to take them deeper into God's Word.
  - 2. abideth not = not remaining.

- C. "He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."
  - 1. abideth = remaining.
  - 2. doctrine = teaching, process of teaching, to thing taught.

## I I . HOW TO TREAT TEACHERS OF FALSE DOCTRINE. VS. 10

- A. False teachers will come.
  - 1. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine."
  - 2. "If you are visited by one..."
- B. The command of John.
  - 1. "receive him not into your house."
    - a. receive. = to take hold of.
    - b. house = the home.
  - 2. "neither bid him God speed."
    - a. bid = to speak, to say.
    - b. speed = to wish joy, rejoice, be glad.

## I I I . THE REASON FOR SUCH ACTION. VS. 11

- A. "for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."
  - 1. partaker = to share in common.
  - 2. III John 5-8
- B. Don't help false teachers!