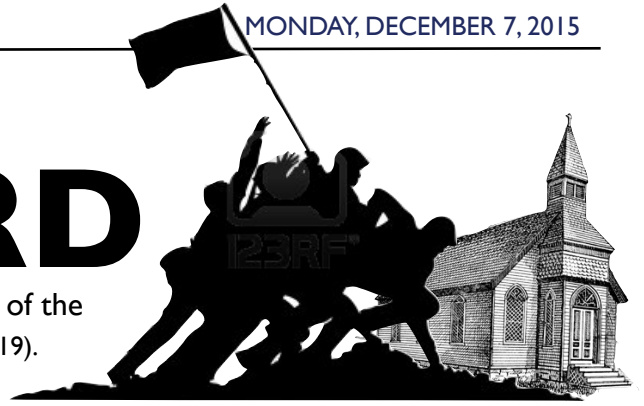


# Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

## Misquoted, Misused, and Misunderstood Bible Verses

### Misquoted Verse

**Amos 3:3,**

“Can two walk together, except they agree?”

**What The Bible Says:**

**Amos 3:3,**

“Can two walk together, except they **be** agreed?”

The word “be” is left out of the misquoted verse. To “be agreed” means there must be a compromise made by someone in order for them to agree.

In his book entitled “**The Tragedy of Compromise**” Earnest Pickering wrote;

*“The teaching of sound doctrine has fallen on evil times. Doctrine is considered too heavy and not sufficiently practical to be featured in the preaching of today. Besides, doctrine is divisive and militates against the cry for greater evangelical unity.”*

There is nothing wrong with being agreed, as long as the Word of God is the basis for the agreement. Unscriptural compromise and apostasy go hand-in-hand.

### Misunderstood Verse

**Jude 1:3,**

“Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye

*should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”*

**Jude did not change his mind about what he was writing about.**

The Greek word translated “common” in Jude 1:3 is, *koinos*. This word was used by the Jews concerning something that was unhallowed, profane or unclean.

- **In Mark 7:2,** *koinos* is translated - **“defiled.”**
- **In Romans 14:14,** *koinos* is translated - **“unclean”** three times.
- **In Hebrews 10:29,** *koinos* has been translated - **“unholy thing.”**

Jude was writing about the fact that a “defiled,” “unclean,” “unholy” plan of salvation was being promoted in his day.

In our day Jack Hyles, supported by Curtis Hutson of the Sword of The Lord, introduced a “defiled,” “unclean,” “unholy” plan of salvation, teaching repentance is not necessary for salvation.

Thousands of puppet pastors swallowed up this “damnable heresy” and are promoting it in our age of apostasy. Keep in mind this “damnable heresy” was not introduced by evangelicals, it was introduced into our churches by fundamental Baptist leaders.

As a result, many will be in Hell who thought they were on the way to Heaven.

## **Misapplied Verse**

### **Matthew 7:1,**

*"Judge not, that ye be not judged."*

This is one of the most misapplied Scriptures in all of the Word of God. The fact is, Christians are commanded to judge.

### **John 7:24,**

*"Judge righteous judgment."*

### **John 7:43,**

*"Why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?"*

### **First Corinthians 10:15,**

*"I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say."*

## **The Context of Matthew 7**

### **Matthew 7:1-5,**

*"Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? THOU HYPOCRITE, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."*

To determine the context of any portion of Scripture we must determine who it is directed to.

Matthew chapter seven is directed to a hypocrite. Hypocrites will obviously be guilty of hypocritical judgment. It is important to notice that once a hypocrite gets his or her heart right they will be capable of making a sincere judgment.

### **Matthew 7:5,**

*"Then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."*

## **Bible Commands Demand Making Judgments**

We have listed only a very few of God's commands that require that we *"judge righteous judgment."*

### **Matthew 7:6,**

*"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine."*

### **Matthew 7:15,**

*"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing."*

### **Matthew 16:6,**

*"Take heed and beware of the leaven..."*

### **Matthew 24:4,**

*"Take heed that no man deceive you."*

### **Mark 7:14,**

*"Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand."*

### **First Corinthians 6:4,**

*"Set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church."*

### **Second Corinthians 6:17,**

*"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing."*

### **Philippians 3:2,**

*"Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers."*

### **First Timothy 5:20,**

*"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear."*

### **Titus 1:10-11,**

*"There are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers...Whose mouths must be stopped."*

**It is impossible to be obedient to the verses above without judging.**

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