

## **Doctrinal Study**

### **Evil or the Word**

1. Believers are commanded to be influenced by Truth, God's Word, and not Evil. "Be not imitators of Evil—but Good. The one doing Absolute Good is out from the source of God; the one doing Evil has not seen the God (no word)." 3 John 11.
2. Believers are warned to be aware of those practicing Evil – those who are ruled by their old sinful nature and not the Holy Spirit. Phil. 3:2 "Beware of the dogs" keep looking; keep you eyes peeled for the legalists. The legalists in this passage were the Jews working their way to Heaven. Beware of Evil workers, People under Evil influence. "Beware of the concision" a reference to the mutilators of God's Grace. κατὰτομή – the down cutters.
3. What is Evil?
  - a. Evil is the thinking of Satan.
  - b. Evil reveals Satan's genius.
  - c. Evil is the satanic sphere of power.
  - d. Evil is the involvement with the Cosmic System.
  - e. Evil distorts Grace – 1Cor. 15:33
  - f. Evil despises authority, rules, discipline, law and order. Psalms 50:16 "But unto the Evil God says: What right do you have to distort my laws."
  - g. Evil rationalizes and wants to avoid guilt. In order to rationalize the conscience must be distorted, and to distort the conscience the scripture must be set aside and non-scriptural standards must take its place. Isaiah 5:10-21.
  - h. Evil is destructive (self-destructive). Psalm 34:21. Evil people often try to solve problems of the world by violence!
4. On the cross the Lord Jesus Christ rejected satanic thinking. Sin was judged and paid for but evil was not.
5. Both sin and Evil have their sources in Satan but have different sources in the soul. The source of temptation is the OSN, but the source of sin is the volition. The source of Evil is continual rejection of God's thinking; it is accepting the genius of Satan and rejecting the genius of God.
6. A mature believer, one residing inside the Divine dynasphere, can know the difference between the brilliance of Satan and the manifestation of God's love and Grace by the Word. The mature believer hears and heeds the Word of God so as to distinguish between sin and Evil.
7. We are either influenced by God's Good ἀγαθος, or Evil (Satan's thinking), κακος.

Prov. 11:18-19 "The Evil person earns wages of deception, but to him that resides in God's sphere of power there is reward." A perceptive life leads to an abundant life. A pursuer of Evil is pursuing the Sin Unto Death.

Prov. 14:22 "Will they not go astray who devise Evil? But Grace and Truth (God's message) shall be to them that devise good (God's good)."

Prov. 15:3 "The eyes of the Lord are in every place (omnipresence) beholding (omniscience) the Evil and the Good."

Prov. 22:3 "A wise believer (residing in Truth/DD) sees the Evil and hides himself; but the simple (ignorant, stupid) goes into the Evil and is punished by it."

Eph. 5:16 "Redeem the time for the days are Evil."

Rom. 12:21 "Be not conquered (overcome) by the Evil, but conquer (overcome) Evil by the Absolute Good."