

**How do we stay in the truth? Fireproof your faith.**

**I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – which is really no gospel at all.  
Galatians 1:6-7.**

**You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. <sup>9</sup> “A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough.” <sup>10</sup> I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty.  
Galatians 5:7-10**

Ways to “Fireproof our faith” to “Stay in the Truth of God’s Word.”

**1. Watch out what/who you expose yourself to.**

The largest source of deception, lies, and misinformation, that many people, including Christians, are turning to today is “social media.”

**2. Evaluate your main sources of teaching.**

- What you hear from your pastor.
- What our NIL conference teaches.
- What our denomination teaches.

We are living in a day that we need to evaluate the standard of teaching in our own church, our own denomination by:

- Evaluating all teaching according to the truth of Jesus Christ.
- Evaluating the Biblical content of the teaching of the church.
- Evaluating its Biblical accuracy.

Things we used to be able to put our trust in that we might not be able to anymore:

- Loyalty to the Denomination.

- Loyalty to our friends.
- Loyalty to the local church.
- Loyalty to your pastor.

*If we are struggling, or having a hard time evaluating our denomination, our friends, our local church, our pastor, then we need to evaluate:*

- Our Loyalty to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Our Loyalty to the Word of God.
- Our loyalty to a church body that is called to be feeding the lambs instead of poisoning them.

### 3. Study the Word of God for yourself.

- If it is new – it is not true.
- If it is true – it is not new.

The “BEREAN” Christians:

**When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup>As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. <sup>4</sup>Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. <sup>5</sup>But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. <sup>6</sup>But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, <sup>7</sup>and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” <sup>8</sup>When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. <sup>9</sup>Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go.**

**<sup>10</sup> As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. <sup>11</sup>Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. <sup>12</sup>As a result, many of them believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.**  
Acts 17:1-12 NIV

Are you a “BEREAN” Christian? YES NO

Are you of more noble character than those who do not take the time to earnestly, seriously, and intently, examine the Scriptures every day to see if what others tell you is true? YES NO

Are you fireproofing your faith? YES NO

Are you taking the steps necessary to stay in the Truth by?

- Watching out what teachings you expose yourself too.
- Evaluating the main sources of teaching in your life that you used to be able to trust.
- Studying the Word of God for yourself. YES NO

Small group/bible studies available to anyone who wants to be a part of growing deeper in your faith – so that you can know the truth of Jesus Christ for yourself – and to be able to share that truth more confidently with others.

**Monday nights. 6:30-8:00. Steve and Janis Sheffey’s.**

**Wednesday nights. 6:30-8:00. Wesley UMC.**

**Starting August 18. Wednesday mornings 10:00. at PC UMC.**

**Starting September 7. Tuesday mornings 9:00. at Mc. Sue Andersons home.**