

# Beware of Wolves In Sheep's Clothing



# **Many Warnings Given Concerning False Teachers...**

- A false teacher is “one who speaks falsehood.”**
- Paul gave a warning to the elders in Ephesus concerning some who would rise up and speak falsehood. (Acts 20:28-31)**
- Peter gave a warning concerning false teachers who would teach destructive doctrines. (2 Peter 2:1-3)**
- John gave a warning when he said, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)**

# **Some Characteristics of Wolves In Sheep's Clothing...**

- **They serve themselves. (Romans 16:18)**
- **They are puffed up with deceit. (1 Timothy 6:3)**
- **They are obsessed with disputes and arguments over words. (1 Timothy 6:3)**
- **They secretly bring in their destructive heresies “i.e. doctrine.” (2 Peter 2:1)**
- **They exploit with deceptive words. (2 Peter 2:3)**
- **They carouse in their deceptions. (2 Peter 2:12-15)**
- **They speak words of emptiness. (2 Peter 2:18)**

# **Why Should We Beware of Wolves In Sheep's Clothing?**

- **They are out to entice and draw away disciples after themselves. (Acts 20:30)**
- **They use flattery words, and are out to deceive the hearts of the simple. (Romans 16:18)**
- **They overthrow the faith of some. (2 Timothy 2:18)**
- **They will lead those who follow them down the pathway of destruction. (2 Peter 2:1-2)**

# **How Are We To Deal With Wolves In Sheep's Clothing?**

- **We are to note and avoid them. (Romans 16:17)**
- **We are not to fellowship with them who are of the unfruitful works of darkness. (Ephesians 5:11)**
- **We must expose them. (Ephesians 5:11)**
- **We must silence them. (Titus 1:10-11)**
- **We must not receive them. (2 John 9-11)**

# God's Plan of Salvation

- **Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)**
- **Believe in Jesus Christ. (Acts 8:37)**
- **Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)**
- **Confess Jesus Christ. (Matthew 10:32)**
- **Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)**
- **Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)**