

SPECIALTY PHARMACY

Text: 2 Tim 3:1-5

3 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Introduction: I have entitled this sermon using the name of a business that operates in Cullman, Alabama. This is what they say about themselves on their web site.

Specialty Pharmacy is a compounding and natural pharmacy [located in Cullman, AL on Hwy 157 beside Cullman Regional Medical Center](#). We specialize in customized and compounded medications, natural supplements, vitamins, herbs, and homeopathics. Specialty Pharmacy is your local professional resource for Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement Therapy for women and men. We also offer nutritional consultations that promote health and wellness!

As I develop my message hopefully you will understand why I have chosen this title. First, I need to let you know about a unique situation that happen to me Friday morning. Some time during the night I heard a group of folks singing this song: “Our devil man will make it happen. He will turn things around. Etc...”

This man – leader is the one mentioned in the Book of Revelations – the Anti-Christ and spoken of by the apostle Paul.

2 Thess 2:3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,
4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

I was so alarmed by this revelation that I knew that I needed to talk to you about the hour you are now living in and the way you are conducting yourselves in light of that truth. I confronted the Wednesday night crowd with this question also: “Can our kind of church save our kind of world?”

I. The Falling Away.

2 Thess 2:3a “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first...”

- A. NT:646 postasi/a, a falling away, defection, apostasy; in the Bible namely, from the true religion:
- B. Paul references this topic three times when writing his son in the Lord, Timothy.

1. They will abandon the faith.

1 Tim 4:1 The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

2. People who get caught up in themselves.

2 Tim 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.

Have nothing to do with them.

3. People who will reject the truth because it offends them.

2 Tim 4:3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

C. Note that the ‘falling away’ does not imply that they have committed some great sin or horrible crime against God or the Church.

- D. The ‘falling away’ refers to their desire to live their lives as if God does not exist and does not expect loyalty or faithfulness of them.
 - E. Yet it does imply that these folks are expecting to make heaven their final home.
- II. Specialty Pharmacy.
- A. By design, they have everything you need to assist an individual in their recovery from injury or sickness or disease.
 - 1. They have the right drugs available.
 - 2. They know how to administer them properly.
 - a. Correct dosage as prescribed by the doctor or the condition.
 - b. Correct order to prevent complications due to mixing or overlapping drugs.
 - 3. Sounds like the Church.
 - 3. According to the Church of God General Assembly Minutes: “We believe in the whole Bible rightly divided. The New Testament as the only rule for government and discipline.”
 - B. Specialty Pharmacy offers medicine for children in the form of a sucker that comes in several flavors.
 - C. And according to our scripture references, there are some folks who want to choose which flavor of “GOSPEL” they want.

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III. The Problem.

- A. Sin cannot be dealt with by “candy-coated” remedies.
- B. Sin cannot be properly treated by using some “home-remedies” either.
 - 1. TBN does not replace church attendance.
 - 2. “I can worship just as good at home as I can in church.”
 - 3. Questions:
 - a. Who agrees with you in prayer?
 - b. Who anoints you with oil?
 - c. Who operates in the spiritual gifts?
 - d. Who receives your tithes?
- C. The remedy for sin required a ‘cross’ and the shedding of ‘blood.’

Matt 26:28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Heb 9:22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

- D. Sin carries with it a death penalty.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- D. An example: I fell over a rusty fence at the golf course.
 - 1. It hurt but I was okay.

2. Then I noticed a redness and swelling.
 3. Gangrene was setting in.
 4. The only remedy was a shot.
 5. “I hate shots!”
 6. My cousin died because he did not receive a tetanus shot.
- E. People die everyday because they ignored the symptoms of heart disease, cancer, etc.
- F. A watered down “Gos-pill” will not cure the sin problem.
1. Omit references to the blood.
 2. Leave out the requirement for carrying a cross.
 3. Ignore the message of judgment and accountability for sin.
 4. And all you have is a “PLACEBO.”

Conclusion: If you really care for your family, friends and loved ones, don't ignore the “TRUTH” that sets men free.

The symptoms of the “FALLING AWAY” are easily diagnosed. Lack of church attendance. Lowered standard of living. Que sera sera attitude about eternity.

Let's be a church – Pharmacy – that offers genuine remedies for sin and sins by-products.

