

# **“Not of Us”**

## **1 John 1:19**

### Introduction

- I. In the first century, John made it clear that there were those that were not “with” the brethren.
- II. These individuals may have seemed as if they were faithful, but their true colors were shown.
- III. Today, there are still those who are “not of us”, and we must do our parts to make sure that we do not become “of them”.

### Discussion

- I. False teachers, false preachers, and false prophets are very real (2 Pet. 1:21-2:3).
  - A. There are differences between “holy men of God” and those that are false.
  - B. The nation of Israel had been warned of those who were false (Deut. 13:1-5).
  - C. God has warned the church of Christ as well (Matt. 7:15-20; 1 John 4:1).
- II. Why are there those that are false?
  - A. Financial gain (2 Pet. 2:3, 14-15; cf. 1 Tim. 6:5; Titus 1:10-11).
  - B. Unwillingness to Obey (2 Pet. 2:10-11; 1 Sam. 15:23; Matt. 5:19).
- III. What are the “fruits” of one who is false?
  - A. Notice the way that they are described in Second Peter chapter two (“privily” v. 1, “feigned words” v. 3, “deceivings” v. 13, “beguiling unstable souls” v. 14).
  - B. Other descriptions
    1. “cunningly devised fables” (2 Pet. 1:16)
    2. “crept in unawares” (Jude 4)
    3. They promise what they cannot give (2 Pet. 2:17).
- IV. What should we do when it comes to those who are false?
  - A. Some would have us to remain silent, but that is not the answer.
  - B. Mark them and avoid them (Rom. 16:17-18).
- V. How can I make sure that I do not fall for the error of the false?
  - A. Learn how to handle the Word of God correctly (2 Tim. 2:15).
  - B. “Hold fast the form of sound words...” (2 Tim. 1:13).
  - C. Avoid their teachings (1 Cor. 14:33).

### Conclusion

- I. We must make sure not to be ignorant of those who are false.
- II. We must make sure to keep the church without spot or blemish.