

The Tactics of Trinitarian Ministers

By the time of Christ and His apostles, most of God's people had become religious to the point they wouldn't listen but the common people would: "thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes" (Mat 11:25); "the common people heard him gladly" (Mar 12:37); "all the people were very attentive to hear him" (Luk 19:48); "all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him" (Luk 21:38); "the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath" (Act 13:42); "the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it" (Act 28:28). We're living in the day Paul said would come, "**For the time will come** when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall **turn away their ears from the truth**, and shall be **turned unto fables [mythos 3454]**" (2Ti 4:3-4). The tactics of Trinitarian ministers keep us trusting their religious myths, away from the truth.

Because of their education, eloquence, experience, position, and prominence, the simple and trusting listen to them, "**by good words and fair speeches** deceive the hearts of **the simple**" (Rom 16:18). They boast of themselves by belittling those that aren't degreed by a seminary, "How knoweth this man letters, **having never learned?**" (Jhn 7:15), "Peter and John, and perceived that they were **unlearned and ignorant men**" (Act 4:13). They gain renown by endorsements from prominent ministers, "need we, as some *others*, **epistles of commendation to you**, or *letters* of commendation from you?" (2Co 3:1).

They discourage us from understanding the Scriptures on our own. They prescribe systematic theological resources and "Christian" books that supposedly keep us heading in the right direction. They'll say it's great to study the Bible on our own but we need to stay within a Bible study group—a group of Trinitarians of course!

One of their favorite sayings to hamper us from learning the truth in the Scriptures is, "If it's new it's not true, and if it's true it's not new." However, it's only "new" because they haven't been teaching it! Everything Jesus Christ taught is the truth: "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (Jhn 1:17); "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (Jhn 8:32); "And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?" (Jhn 8:46); "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (Jhn 14:6); "Every

one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (Jhn 18:37); "the truth is in Jesus" (Eph 4:21). If He taught it, then it's true and it's not new. What's new is what they've been teaching, and if it's new it's not true!

They instill the fear of damnation to keep us loyal to them. They claim that the Trinitarian view of God is essential for salvation to essentially keep us from salvation. And because they don't want it exposed for what it truly is, they declare that Trinitarianism isn't open for discussion. Anyone even beginning to question it is in danger of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit for which they will never be forgiven.

They teach all kinds of false doctrines that confuse, distract, and waste our precious time from doing anything fruitful for God. They concocted the doctrines of "faith alone" and "total depravity" to hinder us from living righteously according to the standard Jesus Christ taught in His Sermon on the Mount. They fabricated the false disputes of Protestantism vs. Catholicism and Arminianism vs. Calvinism that have squandered unfathomable amounts of time and resources over hundreds of years.

They portray themselves as champions of the truth by disparaging all others as blatantly false. The Council of Nicaea used Arias' views as obviously false to tout the Trinity as apparently true. Similarly, they love denouncing Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons to bolster a pristine impression of themselves. By contrasting with what's glaringly false, they magnify themselves as supposedly true.

They intimidate us from ever leaving Trinitarianism. They claim "**They went out from us, but they were not of us**; for if they had been of us, they would *no doubt* have continued with us" (1Jo 2:19) is that those who left their local church never were truly saved, when it's actually about false teachers that went out from the Jerusalem church, "certain which **went out from us** have troubled you with words, subverting your souls" (Act 15:24). Those that reject Trinitarianism are said to be going out to start a cult, or else joining with Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormons, Oneness, or Unitarians. Sadly, rather than allowing themselves to be maligned for the name of Christ, many choose to stay and protect their own.

These are just a few of the many tactics used by Trinitarian ministers to keep us loyal to them and on the broad way leading to destruction. Let's not be taken by them and their tactics. Let's trust in the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.