

Ashamed of the Gospel

When the Church Becomes Like the World

Lesson #13 “Spurgeon and the Down-Grade Controversy”

Read chapter Appendix One and answer the following questions from pages 233-259.

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

- 1) What is meant by *Socinianism*?

- 2) What doctrinal shift put the churches on the downgrade?

- 3) “Others simply became enamored with _____ and worldly _____ consequently they _____ their zeal for _____.”

- 4) How are some Pastors leading believers down the path of unorthodoxy or worse spiritual ruin?

- 5) What is the difference between teaching and defending the truth?

- 6) What is the first step for a church to go on the downgrade?

- 7) Where did Spurgeon place the blame for the decline in the churches?

- 8) What is the danger of unity and harmony at all cost?

- 9) Why did Spurgeon recommend a doctrinal statement for the Baptist Union?

- 10) What were the two ways that people responded to the downgrade controversy?

- 11) “Fellowship with _____ and vital _____ is participation in _____”

- 12) Why couldn't the Baptist Union discipline anyone for false teaching within its ranks?

- 13) What is wrong with the spirit of “latitudinarianism”?

- 14) Why must a doctrinal statement be precise and avoid language that is vague?

- 15) Why did the weak doctrinal statement pass so overwhelmingly?