

What They Didn't Say

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There are a number of younger gospel preachers coming up who refuse to preach the “*whole counsel*” of God (Acts 20:27). In fact, there are some of the older gospel preachers who have refused to do the same. These men preach the truth insofar as they preach. They do not teach baptism is non-essential, or that Christ's church is optional, or that there are many ways to heaven. But on the other hand, they do not say anything against these things either!

It is not so much what they say, as what they don't say. They will not say that there is one true church (Matt. 16:18), or that denominational error is wrong, divisive and sinful (1 Cor. 1:10). They will preach generic truths which everyone will agree with, but with little or no application. Beware these preachers, brethren! They can lull you right into apostasy.

Why is this happening today? The church has not recently been engaged in many religious conflicts. Debates with the denominations are few and far between. We have lost our edge with the denominations. Instead, many young preachers today are encouraged to read denominational material on “*How To Improve Your Serve*” or some other fairly harmless and true matter. They begin to *respect* these men for the truth they **do** teach. The next thing you know, they cannot bring themselves to **oppose** and **condemn** the religious errors of those whom they've come to know. It was not something done *intentionally*, but they have *drifted* into error nonetheless. They want to be accepted.

Encourage young preachers you know to preach the truth on Jesus Christ as the only world Savior (Acts 4:12), on the one true church (Matt. 16:18), on the sins of divorce, social drinking, dancing, and immodesty. If they cannot preach on these subjects, then they have become too soft, too ear-tickling, and too dangerous to be of service to the Lord and His church.

Paul said of **his** preaching, “*I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly and from house to house*” (Acts 20:20, **KJV**). **Now that's what I'm talking about, brethren!**

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