



Collusion or Collision—Part 4  
Attacks from the Inside  
From Sermon 5.2.21

Read *Acts 20:28-32*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Sadly, everything we learned last week about the world's attack on the Bible has moved inside the Church. Every time the Church has drifted away from being the faithful body of Christ on earth, its cause has been the treatment of the Scriptures. Biblical liberalism has infected every historic mainline denomination. Churches faithful to the Word are dwindling always.

1. Liberalism is not new. The first churches dealt with those who moved in to spread false teaching. Read the following passages and note the terms/descriptions used to warn about them.

- From above: *Acts 20:29 & Matthew 7:15*—Wolves
- *Jude 10*—Brute beasts/Irrational animals
- *2 Timothy 2:17*—Gangrene/Cancer
- *1 Timothy 4:1*—Demonic
- *1 Timothy 6:3-5*—Profiteers
- *2 Peter 2:1-3*—Exploiters

2. What are the four churchie terms pertaining to the Bible that the various branches of liberalism reject?

- Inspiration: \_\_\_\_\_
- Inerrancy: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sufficiency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Perspicuity: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The problem lies in two parties (three, actually). Discuss Each.

a. The Teachers (and those schools who teach them).

b. The Congregations. See also *2 Timothy 4:3-4*

4. From Sunday, what foundational doctrines does the liberal church reject? Supernatural = miracles, virgin birth, resurrection, need for atonement, biblical definition of sin, marriage, and family. The scriptural qualifications and structure for church leadership. The necessity and obligation for the Church to police itself, the covenant and role of Israel, the literal acceptance of the prophetic books.

5. What can we expect as a church and as believers who hold unwaveringly to the Bible? Various personal answers and possibilities. Being labeled as the problem, divisive, haters, rebels....

6. How can we best brace for impact/collision with a Bible-rejecting world and church culture?

See 1 Timothy 4:12-16. Determine now to be strong and consistent. Know the Word so it's easy to spot a lie and false teaching. Do what we can to not be a slave/servant of the world.