

Three Absolutes of Every Fundamental Bible Believer

I Thessalonians 5:18-22

The Overview

- Do not quench the spirit..... (19)
- Do not despise preaching..... (20)
- Discern all things (21)



The Outline

1. Rubic [***“prove”***] or test everything.
2. Receive [***“hold to”***] everything that passes the test... it [***“is good”***]
3. Reject [***“abstain from”***] everything that does not pass the test... it [***“is evil”***]

Understanding Theological Terms

A **liberal** denies the Bible as God's Word.

A **moderate** believes the Bible contains God's Word.

A **conservative** believes the Bible to be God's Word.

A **new-evangelical** believes major tenets, but fails to separate from the liberal, moderate, or disobedient.

A **conservative-evangelical** believes the major tenets and the gospel is grounds for fellowship with those above.

A **fundamentalist** believes all the Bible by faith, is willing to ***“prove”*** those beliefs, ***“hold”*** to them (by contending for them), ***“abstain from evil”***, and ***“separate”*** from those who are disobedient to those beliefs.

A Brief Overview of Fundamentalism in America

By 1900 Liberalism and modernism began infiltrating.

By 1920 The CBA came into existence to contend, out of that came FBF and many other fellowships.

By 1950 New Evangelicalism was introduced.

By 1980 Many NE organizations came on the scene

By 2010 Conservative Evangelicalism is a new label.

NOTE: Fundamentalism has always stood on the revealed Word of God, which includes the five tenets of the faith, and the Gospel.

Crosspointe Baptist Church

Who are we?

Biblicists (Bible believers)
Baptists
Independent
Fundamental
Separatist
Dispensational
Missions-minded
God-fearing
Devil-hating
Soul-winning
“The Church That Believes The

How are we who we are?

By confidence (faith)
By conviction (distinctives)
By charter (1956 agreement)
By choice (function/practice)
By contending (for the faith)
By certainty (theology)
By commission (global)
By conscience (integrity)
By Christ-likeness (Phil. 2:5)
By compassion (Jude 22)
Bible And Loves People!”

How the Mayflower Pilgrims went from Bible-believing Orthodox Christians to Christ-denying Unitarians in less than 100 years, or 3 generations

The Mayflower Pilgrims - written by: Dr. David Beale

1. They abandoned the priority of preaching in their churches.
2. They glorified intellectualism in their educational institutions.
3. They ceased from requiring a regenerate church membership.