

# PLAIN SPEECH

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“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech” (2 Cor. 3:12)

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## THE HIGH PRICE OF FOLLOWING FALSE TEACHERS

An inspired man once wrote: “*Buy the truth, and sell it not...*” (Prv. 23:23). Sadly, many are the people who, for one reason or another, disregard this passage. Instead of buying truth, they buy into error offered up by false teachers and in so doing compromise their soul.

A careful reading of Paul’s epistle to the saints in Colosse pointedly reveals what some of the consequences of buying into falsehood are. Those consequences are noted below:

- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has no chance of being presented as holy, unblameable, and unproveable before God (1:22-23).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one turns away from the source of all wisdom and knowledge (2:3).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has been beguiled; i.e. deceived or misled (2:4).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one can no longer claim to be steadfast in the faith (2:5).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one is no longer walking with the Lord (2:6).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one is no longer established in the faith (2:7).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one can no longer offer thanksgiving acceptable to God (2:7).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has been spoiled; i.e. they have been robbed (2:8).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has become a servant of men (2:8).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers they are spurning God’s commandments (2:8; cf. Mk. 7:8-9).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one is no longer complete in Christ (2:10).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one prefers a shadow over reality (2:16-17).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has been cheated; i.e. beguiled. This is a different Greek word than in the one translated as “beguile” in vs. 4.
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has bought into a religion that’s the product of a carnal mindset (2:18).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one has let go of the head of the church (2:19).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one is in a position to give up many of their authorized liberties in Christ (2:16; 20-22).
- ✿ When one buys into falsehood offered up by false teachers one is engaging in will worship (2:23).

Now read that list again, and ask this question: “*What chance does one who buys into the trash offered up by false teachers have come judgment day?*” The answer? ZERO!!!!!!