

COUNTERFEIT CHRISTIANITY

SERVING GOD WITH FEIGNED FAITH

"And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

- Phil 1:9-11

1. Feigned faith

- a. Feign – *def.* Pretended; sham; counterfeit; fictitious; disguised
- b. Faith - Substance of things hoped for, the evidence - Heb 11:1, Rom 10:17

2. It is **made a mere religion** by the traditionalists.

- a. Cain and Abel – What tradition was this? – Gen 4:2-7
- b. "Ye reject the commandment of God... to keep tradition" – Mark 7:9-10
- c. Beware tradition of men – Col 2:8

3. It is **made a fiction** by ignorant masses.

- a. Don't they know? – death comes after sin - Gen 3:7 & Rom 5:12
- b. They all died in the flood! - Gen 7:20-21
- c. They crossed on dry ground - Psalm 66:6
- d. Knowledge and wisdom is mandatory – Phil 1:9, Proverbs 2:6, 23:12, 2 Cor 6:6

4. It is **made bondage** by teachers of the law. – 1 Tim 1:5-6

- a. You shall live if you do my statutes - Lev 18:5
- b. If the wicked turn and do - Ezekiel 18:20-21
- c. The law is "weak and beggarly" – Gal 4:9, Rom 6:14

5. It is **made a sham** by the fraudsters and televangelists.

- a. They were right in Mal 3:9-10; and 2 Chron 7:14
- b. They are wrong today; they must be stopped – Titus 1:10-11, 2 Cor 9:7

6. It is **made fake** by those who generate false emotion.

- a. People will seek a religious experience wherever they find it - Ezekiel 8:4-16
- b. Experiencing God is a result of sound doctrine – Rom 5:2-4 & Eph 4:14

7. It is **made a pretense** by those who live as the world.

- a. "For a show make long prayers" - Luke 20:46-47
- b. "in works deny him" - Titus 1:16, 3:8
- c. "denying the power" - 2 Tim 3:4-5
- d. "filled with the fruits of righteousness" – Phil 1:11
- e. For the glory of God – 1 Cor 9:27, 10:31-33