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2 Timothy 4:1-5

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- A. In reality, there is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in our world regarding religious things.
1. Did you know that a huge percentage of Americans wake up on Sunday morning and say, "Church? Why \_\_\_\_\_?"
- B. The church is the creation of God and will always have a \_\_\_\_\_ place in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ of God in the world (Eph. 1:22-23)
- C. When Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ the Son of living God, Jesus declared, "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this \_\_\_\_\_ I will \_\_\_\_\_ my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Mt 16:18)
1. About one year later, on the Day of Pentecost, Peter preached the gospel and those who accepted his message were \_\_\_\_\_, and about 3000 were added to their number that day. (Acts 2:41)
  2. To what church was the Lord adding them? The church that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. Satan has tried to do all kinds of things to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the church.
1. His first attempt to destroy the church was through \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 8:4).
  2. His second attempt to destroy the church is through \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Tim 4:3).
- E. The people of God have often found themselves at the \_\_\_\_\_ (Josh. 24:15; 1 Kings 18:21; Jn. 6:60).
- F. We must make a choice between two basic \_\_\_\_\_ about Christianity.
1. One approach understands that God has given a specific \_\_\_\_\_ for the church found in Scripture.
  2. The other approach alleges that the Christian religion was never designed to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. The fact is, the Bible teaches that when the Creator establishes a system of religion, its \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ remain intact for as long as the covenant lasts. (Gal. 3:23-25)
- H. Let's look at a few New Testament texts that embrace the notion that the church must \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ to the original doctrine of Christ (Acts 2:42; Rom. 6:17, 16:17; 1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 1:13, 2:2).
- I. Such is our challenge today: Will we continue to strive to be the church that \_\_\_\_\_, or will we abandon our anchor and be tossed back and forth by the waves and blown here and there by every wind of \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:14).
- J. We must simply \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 6:22, 7:5)
- K. In the end, we are still \_\_\_\_\_, saved by \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_.(Eph. 2:8)

Answer Key: A. Confusion, indifference. A.1. bother. B. central, will, work. C. rock, build. C.1. baptized. C.2. established, built. D. destroy, eliminate. D.1. persecution. D.2. corruption, division. E. crossroads. F. understandings. F.1. plan. F.2. fixed. G. principles, commands. H. continue, adhere. I. Jesus, built, teaching. J. follow, directions. K. sinners, grace, faith.