

Message 8

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN FUNDAMENTALISTS AND NEW EVANGELICALS

Fundamentalists

New Evangelicals

ATTITUDES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Principled — governed by principles ◆ Absolute sense of right and wrong according to <i>Very Clear Statements</i> of Scripture ◆ Ultimate aim is the glory of God — insist on both the spirit and letter of the law ◆ Emphasize Faith and Fidelity to God’s Word ◆ Critical toward those who are indifferent to matters of fundamental importance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Pragmatists — governed by results ◆ Casuistry and Situational ethics - the ends justifies the means in the name of becoming all things to all men. ◆ Not <i>ultimately</i> concerned about either the spirit or letter of the law, but about results ◆ Emphasize scholarship and intellectualism ◆ Critical toward those who insist on Biblical correctness
METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Confined by and conformed to Biblical principles ◆ Biblical philosophy of the ministry of church music ◆ Love and unity based upon absolute, Biblical truth and obedience — separation from apostasy ◆ Biblical concept and practice of the Great Commission and Church planting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Break down <i>barriers</i> of Biblical separation, and build <i>bridges</i> to a pagan society ◆ Secular philosophy of church music ◆ Love and unity at the expense of truth and obedience — directly attack the doctrine of separation ◆ Marketing strategy and concept of the Great Commission and Church planting
ASSOCIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Confrontation & Separation ◆ Separatists - “Come out from among them and be ye separate saith the LORD” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Accommodation & Infiltration ◆ Ecumenical - Giving credibility to the men, the message and the movements of apostasy
MESSAGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bible-oriented preaching ◆ God-focused preaching ◆ Emphasize doctrinal correctness and obedience ◆ Contend for the faith ◆ Proclaim the whole counsel of God — clear commands and clear teachings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ “Needs”-oriented preaching ◆ Man-focused preaching ◆ Embrace doctrinal error by compromise ◆ Silent about apostasy ◆ Selective, eclectic teaching of the counsel of God
MORALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dogmatic preaching on Biblical morals and Biblical separation ◆ Insist on a Biblical culture ◆ Dogmatic preaching on Biblical ethics — standards of right and wrong 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Failure to preach on personal separation resulting in proliferation of divorce, adultery, feminism and homosexuality ◆ Adapt to the world’s culture ◆ Failure to distinguish between right and wrong resulting in a proliferation of dishonesty and the absence of Biblical ethics
PERSONAL STANDARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Biblical standards of conduct, dress and deportment based on Biblical principles, resulting in separated living 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Downplay or reject personal standards, resulting in little or no distinction between the Christian and the world
GOALS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ In the evangelization of the world, to perpetuate a Biblical faith complete, intact, pure and undiluted to succeeding generations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ To enhance the evangelization of the world by avoiding separatist conflicts and controversies, and by removing the stigma of anti-intellectualism and narrowness from the gospel