Progressive Christianity

Various

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Introduction: Heresy is when <u>essential</u> doctrines are contradicted.

Acts 20:28-31

- 1. Heresy forces us to articulate the truth with greater <u>precision</u>.
- 2. Heresy forces us to know what we believe and why we believe it.
- 3. Heresy <u>purifies</u> the church.

Matthew 13:24-30; John 10:3-5

I. What Is Progressive Christianity?

Progressive Christians do not believe the Bible is without <u>error</u>; they believe some of it is authoritative and inspired but not <u>all</u> of it.

II. How Do People Become Progressive?

To deconstruct your faith is to re-examine your beliefs without Scripture as your <u>authority</u>.

A. Separation of Jesus from Scripture

To separate Jesus from Scripture is to create a <u>different</u> Jesus that fits your preferences.

B. Relegation of Scripture

III. What Is to Be Our Response?

We must contend for the faith!

To <u>contend</u> means to exert <u>intense</u> effort on behalf of something.

Key Truth: You must know what you believe and why you believe it so you can contend for the faith.

This implies you must have a <u>firm</u> grasp on the <u>Scriptures</u>.