

bid him Godspeed. For he that biddeth him Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds. The Apostle of love! What a bitter man! What bitterness he shows! Look how he speaks about these people. Doesn't he say these are lovely people, they speak beautiful words, they have some nice ideas. Oh, they have a little different way of looking at it ~~x~~ than we do. They don't believe in the deity of Christ as we do. They think Jesus was a great man but not fully God. But they are nice people. Let's be real nice to them.

That's not what Paul((John)) says. Paul(John) says they bring eternal death, they bring destruction with them. Don't sit under their ministry. He that biddeth them Godspeed is partaker of his evil deeds. John warns us as Paul and the other disciples do. Love does not mean just being namby-pamby. It means protecting people from the future. Protecting them from that which would kill them, not hesitating to show the danger and to act upon it.

The negative aspect is vital. He says many deceivers are entered into the world, and we must watch out for these deceivers and protect people against them. Somebody says, You should not watch out! You are judging! That's not right to judge. Look what Jesus said: Judge not that ye be not judged. Mat.7:1) Jesus did say that of course. But John, the Apostle of Love, says in Jn.7:24 that Jesus said, Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment."

How are you going to fit these two together. Jesus said, Judge not that ye be not judged. And he says, Judge righteous judgment. How fit them together? The answer is that Jesus is speaking about two different things. He speaks about judging those with whom we are to work, with those whom we are to help and support. Jesus says, Do not give you support to those who are leading people to hell. He says, Do not give your support to those who are denying the truth of the Word. He says, Judge righteous judgment, and by their fruits ye shall know them.

Over in ~~John 7:24~~ Mat. 7 he is saying, Do not start picking people to pieces and finding little flaws in their personality and criticizing them. He says, Don't be judging that sort of thing. That is for their Master, the Lord to judge. If you judge them about those things, they have a perfect right to turn around and look and you and they will find just as many flaws in you.

When it comes to our personal relation, we are to be tolerant of personal idiosyncracies. We are to be tolerant of other people's misunderstandings. But when it comes to the leadership of the work of Christ, when it comes to the progress of the Gospel, we are to judge righteous judgments. And when ~~x~~ one comes denying the teaching of Christ, we are not to receive him into our house nor to bid him Godspeed.

Out in California there was a very fine theological seminary 50 years ago, where the truth was taught. It wasn't especially