

Religious Counterfeits

Introduction. A counterfeit is made in exact imitation of something valuable or important with the intention to deceive or defraud. Most of the time we think of counterfeit money, and by passing it you would get into a lot of trouble. However, the Bible speaks of several religious counterfeits which will be spiritually disastrous to you.

I. Gods

- A. Acts 17:23.
- B. 1 Corinthians 8:4-6.
- C. 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

II. Christs

- A. Matthew 24:24.
- B. John 5:42.
- C. Ephesians 4:5.

III. Apostles

- A. Acts 1:22.
- B. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 12:12.
- C. Revelation 2:2.

IV. Teachers

- A. Matthew 7:15-20.
- B. 2 Peter 2:1.
- C. 2 John 9-11.

V. Doctrines

- A. Proverbs 19:27.
- B. 1 Timothy 1:3.
- C. Hebrews 13:9.

Conclusion. Can you spot a counterfeit? Sometimes it is not so easy, but other times, the difference is obvious. What really matters the most is your willingness to investigate. “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding” (Proverbs 23:23).