

*A “That Sort” Outline of  
II Timothy.*

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Hopefully from SunGrist\_Bible on [www.biblecombibleman.com](http://www.biblecombibleman.com) or with the books on Amazon.com, you have seen previous outlines of II Timothy, especially in the “Life and Letters of Paul”, volume 3 of the LCC commentaries. This outline is somewhat different with a startling focus on “that sort” while still consistent with the obvious content of II Timothy on sound doctrine for the ministry and for the church. If you are not careful, you can read II Timothy many times, as I did, and miss the emphasis on “that sort” of church member and “that sort” of church leader.

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*7-1: II Timothy for an exegetical gist still retains sound doctrine as central, as spoken by Paul as revelations of the Word of God, and the sound doctrine of Paul’s life and ministry as living sound doctrine. {Please read “Sound Living is Sound Doctrine” online at [www.biblecombibleman.com](http://www.biblecombibleman.com).}*

1. First, the positive side of sound doctrine. That central theme climaxes with the “they” of “they will not endure sound doctrine” (II Timothy 4:3,4), they being another word for the two, or more, main “sorts” previously listed in II Timothy, and first really gets going except for background of the Asian Christian

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problem, really always a Christian problem with those who would strive to be more independently creative in the way they deal with sound doctrine of the Bible, in II Timothy 1:13:

“Hold fast to the pattern of sound words {about the same as phrases of sound doctrines, recalling that doctrine in the Bible quite often is expressed as teachings, especially as related to the teachings or doctrines of Jesus, then the Apostles as they followed the example of Jesus in living and other aspects of sound doctrine} which you have heard from me {lest we commit blasphemy against the Apostles like Paul as “holy men of God speaking as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”, we pause right now to recognize that what first century Christians heard from Paul and what we read now is Word of God} in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus {faith and love being the obvious contrast to “that sort” Paul will tell us about extensively in II Timothy.} (II Timothy 1:13)

NOTE: “That sort”, like the fundamentalists that took control of the SBC between 1970-1980, and who now try to take doctrinal control from their established high positions in churches and denominational leadership, definitely started a trend of departure from the “faith once for all given to the saints” as they tampered at the 1970 Convention with the priesthood of believers {See under “Baptist Distinctives” online at [www.biblecombibleman.com](http://www.biblecombibleman.com).}, and there can hardly be any love in their destruction of careers and reputations of much better Christians and ministers than themselves. They are going to pay the price one of these days for all those acts of murder, but right now we must “contend for the faith” to hamper their doctrinal takeover. They still have to win the hearts and minds of a lot of southern baptists, but from their perches at the top of the heap that is what they are working on!

2. Second the degrading side of sound doctrine and a sound pattern of words, II Timothy 2:14-18, “strive about words to no profit {like debaters and national extreme communicators} that ruin the hearers. This is where the cancer or gangrene starts that lead near the end of Christianity to the intolerance toward sound doctrine of the Falling Away, the great apostasy.

3. Third the opposite side of sound doctrine, II Timothy 4:1-4, “They will not endure sound doctrine...” This listing is of the 5 historical and doctrinal steps of the falling away, combined with unsound living that emphasizes purpose driven wants over purpose driven Christ and Spirit: intolerance toward sound

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doctrine, church member dominant motivations of wants over Spirit and Christ, the heaping up of itching ears teachers that revive the first century doctrines of “that sort”, centered around the secret rapture, the absolute turning away from absolute truth, and then comes widespread “fables”, the teaching for commandments the doctrines of academic men of that sort.

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*7-3: With the fruit inspection of this sort as being of that sort in II Timothy are we slinging mud at the mud slingers. Not if we follow the example of Paul in order to retain doctrinal control of the SBC?*

1. Paul, and the Spirit of God through Paul for revelations, were so slick that we have read over the “that sort” for many years, not fully comprehending the significance as with a group of church members leaders advocating a secret rapture, and further not comprehending the marvelous applications of the Word of God to the fundamentalists takeover of the SBC today, whether they are just the “wood and clay” sort or during this Falling Away have gone all the way to fables. {I don’t know about you but as I hear more and more of these idle babblings about secret rapture, millennium, and dispensations, they sound like fables to me!}
2. Paul first attack, II Timothy 2:14-18, is not on certain church members by names or even on that select group of church members called “that sort”, but is on “WORDS TO NO PROFIT THAT RUINS THE HEARERS”.
3. Paul even identifies that sort and the cancer they spread into Christianity, before he actually mentions two specific names, II Timothy 2:16,17.

*“But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort.” (II Timothy 2:16,17)*

Did you not notice the gentle way Paul starts with an explanation of that sort as windbags with words to no profit in 2:14, and then here in 2:16 the words get more dramatic with “profane and idle babblings” that “will increase to more ungodliness”?

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*7-4: And what we know by way of fruit inspection about this “sort” so far is: {and while we are slinging mud per Paul and the Bible, we might as well list all the characteristics of that sort found in II Timothy 2.}*

1. Words to no Profit. Maybe not all of their words, but many of these words are TO NO PROFIT that do the hearers more harm than good. Suddenly what has been a good preacher, pastor, evangelist, or national leader, for other reasons than to profit the hearers toward complete Christian maturity, use some other motivation like academics or drawing disciples to themselves, or even financial gain, in the word and subjects, also phrases that they chose.

2. Profane babblings. Before in I Timothy Paul describes this sort that oppose his doctrine and ministry as blasphemers (I Timothy 1:20), but here they are profane because they take sound doctrine on the resurrection and pervert its pure simplicity into something else.

**NOTE:** You know it is just plain wrong to take the pure and precious promises of the doctrines of the Bible, from Paul or other wise, and to divert them into something else no matter what the reason. They are no better than the LDS members who maliciously add 3 non-Christian Bibles to the word of God. And when we talk about the resurrection from the dead at the second coming of Christ, we are talking about salvation; for we are talking about the completion of salvation as “we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” And with some fundamentalists you will also find this completion of salvation a problem with them, having disregarded the 9 month new birth--waiting 9 months to see if that 100 new members have survived the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches so that the word is not choked out of them, they also think of salvation as all done in the past. In one instant it is all over, leaving sanctification and glorification dangling.

3. “Idle babblings that increase to more ungodliness”. (2:16)

4. Names are not important except as examples of that sort. “Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort” (2:17). What is important is their message--“their message will spread like cancer”--and the effect it has on the Falling Away destruction of Christianity.

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5. Hymenaeus and Philetus are just two early church leaders that strayed from the truth by preaching a secret rapture--“they have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection if already past” (2:18a).
6. “They overthrow the faith of some” (2:18b). Fundamentalists are licking their chops here, saying “we have you know as our business is all about saving souls, or at least adding them to our local churches”. Well, have you consider, as made clear in the online presentation “The Demonic Veil of the Rapture” that false doctrines like the secret rapture overthrow the faith of some in the doctrine of the Falling Away and the final tribulation by leading them to think Christians will not be part of both!
7. Communicators and debaters of “foolish and ignorant disputes” (2:23), disputes which like debates generate local and national strife as in the recent closure of the government. Have you not noticed that the fundamentalists Baptists are on the move again to play politics on the national level?
8. That sort, like fundamentalists, “quarrel” (2:24).

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*7-5: “That Sort” is much larger than Hymenaeus, Philetus, or the fundamentalists today, and the sound doctrines with sound patterns of words is vastly larger than on the resurrection and gathering of the saints at the Second Coming. Looking back at II Timothy 1 you see more of the magnitude as “all they in Asia”, in the very churches that Paul started turned against him as he became a prisoner of the Roman Empire; as you see as Paul in II Timothy 3 presents the attitudes and behaviors of that sort; and finally in II Timothy 4, as that sort of Christian leaders lead us head over heels into the Falling Away. In short, the battle created by the fundamentalists as they took political control of the Convention and now try to take doctrinal control, is a battle for the integrity of Bible truth.*

As bad as it is to tamper with the marvelous doctrine of the gathering of the saints at the Second Coming, and after the falling away and a visual on the man of sin, it is the tampering with sound doctrine and sound patterns of words itself that is far more dangerous. Once men like Hymenaeus set themselves up above

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the “faith once for all delivered to the saints” by the Apostles and Jesus, it is the release of a Pandora’s box of special revelations. It is a battle for the total truth of the Bible, not to be watered down or distorted by any that “have a form of godliness without the power”.

1. Granted sometimes the BBFFers seem to be doing the work and will of God, and they seem to be nice guys that sometimes are trying to help people. However, if you ever hear one of them pass on to you this little tell tales of untruth, then you know what you are dealing with: “The Bible did not intend for the church to help the poor, there are other organizations for that.” And the helping of the poor is reserved for a later period of time after this false secret rapture. It would seem that their lack of respect for the truth creeps into their doctrine of the church and churches. {Although we do remember how John R Rice so scattered as one of the original fuedamentalists of note, did carry the day of how “There is one church, but many churches”}

2. We will leave it up to you as to how to decide which are the real fundamentalists or fuedamentalists--this is called righteous judgment based on the Bible; and the specific Scripture to use is the Bible condemnation list of II Timothy 3:1-9. Oh yes, Paul did not leave us to wonder what kind of men of “that sort” would distort the simple truth of the gathering of the saints at the Second coming of Christ. Yes, you see that sort again in the bad habits and bad attitudes of those who appear to be religious of II Timothy 3:1-9.

“But of this sort are those {“those” now, previously that sort like Hymenaeus, and later the “they” that will not longer endure sound doctrine} that creep into households and make captives gullible women {most commentators agree there is no sexual content here, only these were the itinerant academics of the first century that came into homes sort of like home schooling or Bible study} laden down with sins {idle time and wealth had misguided them many ways, the majority sins being their improper Bible attitudes as related to men and their husbands}, let away by various lusts {we still have trouble seeing that the forbidden “pride of life” among the well-to-do is lust}....

And then comes the key verse to understand this sort, the church members who do the learning and the sort of the previous bad habits and attitudes that do the leading...

“...ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”  
(II Timothy 3:6-7)

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3. If you have trouble understanding this “sort”, because not all home study is of this sort’ then Paul offers you another example by name in include in the list of that sort of Hymenaeus and Philetus, the Old Testament names of Jannes and Jambres. They thought they had all the answers, and were qualified to take over the leadership of God for the people of God from Moses. Except, something you should note in 3:8, that this sort “resists the truth”. During the “perilous times” of almost two thousand years of Christianity, it was more distortions and resistance against truth among this sort of church members and leaders, obviously off and on during certain periods of Christianity, and sometimes with the follies being revealed. However once Christianity with certain Christian leaders got beyond and skipped over the ALL Scripture movement and method of II Timothy 3:16,17, the consequences of the original cancer was inevitable, the seeds of the Falling away were planted after 1830 as the cancer spread and finally led in 1970 to the fourth stage of the Falling Away, “turning away from truth”.

The rebellion of Jannes and Jambres, and of the similar sort of Christianity, was not against a person primarily, but a rebellion against truth. A rebellion of that sort that finally lead around 1970 to “they will not endure sound doctrine” (II Timothy 4:3). Even as we benefit often from our heritage, good things brought forward, so also we from this sort of persons and leaders have suffered, like cancer, from their message and type of religion.

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*7-6: Before the fundamentalists took control of the SBC, the common understanding among most southern baptist regulars was that they were “fuedamentalists”--you knew what they were against more than what they are for--but now that they are in political control of the convention, it is harder to sort out that sort, the Bible being the only possible criterion for fruit inspection and the only kind of righteous judgment, especially II Timothy 3:1-9. It can be said that if you can find one or more obvious habits in a church member as listed in this list of THAT SORT, then they are of that sort.*

1. You can always go by the nature of their message if it includes the untruth of certain patterns of words like “secret rapture”, “millennium”, and “dispensations of time and Bible divisions”.

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2. Then they should back up with some bad behaviors and attitudes from the list of II Timothy 3:1-9 to convince you that they are of that sort that tamper with total Bible truth and have become more academic than spiritual in their religion. As you read that list from the Bible, or below, don't forget as the commentators agree, that all fundamentalists will not exhibit all the bad habits and bad attitudes in the list; but their group will!

(1) At the top of the list are “lovers of self” and “lovers of money” perhaps the two most tell tale signs of this sort.

(2). “Boasters and Proud” are more easily covered up by this sort, justified in the ways of the world often as success and permitted pride like in the world.

(3). Blasphemers are really hard to find, while you are sorting out that sort, unless you have caught the spirit and message of II Timothy, that often blaspheme can be those “little” distortions of the total truth of God as given in the Bible. Those things that for years in the Convention we tolerated, until we started to see the inevitable results of truth distortions.

(4). “Disobedient to parents” is really hard to understand as coming from Paul and the Spirit of God, for we would be very reluctant to accept that any church member or leader to make such a bold violation of the 10 commandments...unless, we consider that in deny sound doctrine, this sort has also denied the heritage for truth of their parents, truth most often recognized as Baptist doctrine. “Unthankful and unholy” is also difficult to see in this sort of Christian leaders for we, like God and the Word of God, can not peer into their hearts. I would think that once again, it might be more related to the heritage of the Baptist that have gone before them, parents and otherwise, that they in their quest for academics and disciples, have neglected thankfulness and holiness for that heritage.

(5). “unloving, unforgiving, and slanderers” is easy for us as we saw between 1970 and 1980, and following with the fundamentalists destruction of the careers and reputations of many outstanding, supposedly Christian brothers, in leading pulpits and colleges and seminaries. Even more in denominational positions. And that split under the influence of that sort, and direction of that sort, of the Convention into 3 conventions. Do you really think that God is going to overlook the bad feelings and results of that sort?

(6). If any self-control was exercised among that sort of “without self control”, pastors and lawyers, as they met in secret to forge a revolution in the SBC by controlling politically the convention by electing presidents between 1970 and 1980.

(7). It does not matter what they thought of themselves or even the respect they had from their own group as they brutally slaughtered careers

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and reputations of better men than themselves, the end results to the extent that their follies have come to light among the average church member, they were indeed “despisers of the good”. And what did they gain for this slaughter of the innocents? Disciples to themselves, control, and academic recognition as being smarter than other pastors and teachers.

(8). “traitors, headstrong, and haughty” would describe the disregard of this sort toward the Baptist heritage and statements of faith.

(9). It is hard to understand but the pleasure of this control of a vast body of Christian people must have given them some pleasure as they gave priority to being “lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God”.

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*7-7: Sorry we got off of the necessity for complete truth in the Bible through true doctrines, and on to the bad habits and attitudes, even practices with academics, of THAT SORT. Now, we will remedy that by looking again how often the word “truth” is used in II Timothy, and the connection to doctrine; however, in passing to the end of this outline of II Timothy, it should be noted that “righteous judgment” as compared to the appearance and impression practice of the world, a practice that fundamentalists have used to court their communities and world is also truth.*

Recall how Jesus said in the sermon on the mount of the most religious leaders of all times, the Jewish Pharisees and scribes, that “Unless your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20).

1. Truth # 1 in II Timothy, truth in doctrine and religion, truth as desecrated by THAT SORT in the church.

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (II Timothy 2:15)

Before Paul launches into revelations about that sort of persons in the church body, he holds up a positive and high standard of truth and the word of truth, which we immediately see as Bible truth. Even as fundamentalists of American Christianity has hidden behind the word “literal” related to the Bible, to cover up so many of their sorts of indiscretions to the Bible, so they have had, as you well

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know, in the history of American Christianity, mis-used “rightly dividing the word of truth” to cover up, rationalize, and justify dividing up the Bible into time and group divisions, choosing themselves how to divide when and what is for what group of God’s people. You should be able to see that they have used the word “literal” as a cover up, like the robes of righteousness of the Pharisees, how from their academic theology they have tried to sneak in words that are literally not even in the Bible, like secret rapture, millennium, and dispensations.

2. Truth #2 in II Timothy, truth in doctrine and hermeneutics, religion and truth as distorted by that sort.

**“...who (Hymenaeus, Philetus, and others of that sort throughout Christian history} have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.” (II Timothy 2:18)**

You clearly notice here that this sort has strayed from doctrine and truth, truth being so very closely related to doctrine. Specifically they were the original blasphemers of a secret rapture, telling their people and churches that the gathering of the saints by the second coming of Christ resurrection had already happened, and that they were not Christians because they did not even know about. Some of that same sort of message and thinking is in the preaching of that sort today. They strive to make new converts to their group with a fear that they can miss a postulated secret rapture; and if you have grown up in southern baptist work, especially among preacher boys, you know how they make claims, spoken or otherwise, that if you do not believe in the Scofield Reference Bible Notes on eschatology, you are among the wood and clay members of the house of God instead of them, if you are Christian at all.

3. Truth #3 in II Timothy, truth about the resurrection, about doctrine and hermeneutics, and religion and truth. You know, one way you can see how serious are the distortions of this fundamentalist sort is, is to recall that the second coming of Christ with the gathering of the saints, is also part of the gospel, not to be distorted or to be accursed, as it deals with the completion of salvation as “we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” Also you should note that it is most often the case among those same fundamentalists that they think one instant act of redemption is all there is to salvation. “I was saved, and that is all there is to it.” Hang sanctification and glorification as part of the truth of salvation.

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“And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel {have you noticed how increasing from southern baptist leaders, lawyers and politicians or pastors, it is magnified and practiced to quarrel through debate<sup>1</sup>} but be gentle to all {you did not see this gentleness as the BBFers split the convention and destroyed careers and reputations in the name of a secret rapture, or exclusiveness on the truth in the church}, able to teach, patient; in humility correcting those who are in opposition to the truth, if God will perhaps grant them repentance, so that they may know {the full and complete} truth.” (II Timothy 2:24,25)

4. Truth #4 in II Timothy 3:7,8, two mentions of “truth” and we are starting to accumulate so many on truth as it would seem that II Timothy is more a book of truth than on the departures from truth of that sort. You would think by the proliferation of that sort today and in the news, that these either consider themselves above the truth, like Nixon was above the law, or that think of themselves as truth makers. Since that is what generators of special revelations are, and since we know that in Ireland with pentecostal meetings, as one woman had a vision, that was a historical beginnings of churches of the secret rapture.

“...always learning and never able to come to a knowledge of the TRUTH. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these {of this sort} resist the TRUTH, men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith.” (II Timothy 3:7,8)

At least you would have to include this sort as having a lack of intellectual honesty, in the world of Elton Trueblood, if not a just plain lack of respect for the truth. We know lawyers, especially the best of them, out a polished debated of both sides independent of truth can become gaddled on integrity and truth; and not only are we aware that many of the secret rapture advocates, including Scofield himself, got their start in law. However, we are shocked to find these fundamentalists ministers, except those who started in law or became enamored with debate {Paul calls it vain babbling and quarreling} showing a similar disregard and disrespect for total and complete truth. It is almost as if they are willing to set aside everything else they have learned in the Bible when they come to eschatology, violating the fundamental principle of hermeneutics of comparing scripture with scripture, staying in context, and the ASPI version of the Bible--“no scripture is of any private interpretation”, evangelists of literalism or the

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1. Debate is the new and acceptable way of quarreling, most generally comes from that sort; being naturally feed by the practices of lawyers where they are trained and experienced to debate both sides as if they are both true and truth.

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fundamentalists that now control the SBC no matter how large the pulpit and the church. Once again, a sign of the times is like Dr. R. G. Lee predicted in *Menace of Mediocrity*, “Wrens make prey where eagles dare not perch”. Dare we ignore that respected church leaders like Rogers, Criswell, and Stanley led in the takeover of the SBC, and can we forget hearing Criswell tell Bill Moyer that “we are going to keep fighting until one side of the other wins”. These three, two of whom are now deceased, have their disciples, many of whom are notable at the top of the heap in the SBC, and even though now in control they are quieter and holier than before the takeover, beware because now having political control they are more interested in doctrinal control. Tim LeHaye, in liaison with such noted fundamentalists as Falwell and Stanley {originators of the moral majority} made new secret rapture breakthroughs when the “Left Behind Books” were published. Even though they are fiction, much of the public actually thinks it is Bible, and the fundamentalists have been emboldened to come out of the closet with their secret eschatology.

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*7-8: We are beginning to recognize that this sort is much like the Tea Party sort, especially as you see their behavior in Congress, and in the meetings before that when they heckled and disrespected Senators; and knowing that this party was largely started by white, retired millionaires, and the young lawyers they sent to Washington, it lets us see on both the religious and political scene that integrity for truth is about ready to die, the ultimate result of the Falling Way as church leaders and church people in the fourth stage of the Falling Away of II Timothy 4:4,5 turn away from the truth and turn into fables.*

**“For the time will come when they {hopefully you see this they as the previous and total subject matter of II Timothy, and of the cancer of their message and methods that grew through perilous times into these last days of the last days} will not endure sound doctrine {the Falling Away starts mildly with a tolerable intolerance toward sound doctrine, little turning aside from the ways and means of that sort}, but according to their own desires {wants, desires, prejudices, and emotions dominant as the falling away progresses<sup>1</sup>}, because they have itching ears {you should think of these sort described previously in II Timothy, starting with the itching**

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ears of Hymenaeus as of that sort, and they have multiplied each other in fundamentalists schools and pulpits outstripping the regular Southern Baptists like Summers and McDowell as the more aggressive sort<sup>1</sup>}, they will heap up for themselves teachers {in law, in baptist church academic schools, in seminaries, and primarily in pulpits}, and they will turn their ears away from truth {have you not noticed that this sort does not listen anymore, to the people or to truth}, and be turned aside to fables {fables was the beginning of this sort with the fable of the secret rapture, and unless we wake up it can be the end for us all}.” (II Timothy 4:4,5)

And how can we end a comparison of the message of “that sort” versus truth, without a brief and Bible quote consideration on what is true and truth--

“Now, brethren {you immediately recognize that Paul has something to straighten out in first century Christianity, and so do we today}, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ {you of that sort this is about the second coming, the events, and the time sequence, don't overlook it again} and our gathering together with him {that sort likes to us a non Bible word and words of secret rapture, but how about the pattern of sound words in “our gathering together with him”--that is difficult to misunderstand unless you try very hard}, WE ASK YOU...”

NOTE: This is a reasonable request from Paul to protect the faith once for all delivered to the saints, and primarily a request from God through Paul.

“not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled...” {it was not soon as it took over two thousand years for Christianity, primarily the SBC, to get in this mess}

“either by spirit, or word or by letter as if from us, as though the Day of Christ had come...”

NOTE: In our wildest imagination we can speculate that Scofield was given golden plates from an unknown supernatural being, he inscribed them in the SRB notes in 1909 and 1918, and then they disappeared again, taking on at least in the minds of fundamentalists an invisible and secret additional of new revelations letter from Paul. And surely Paul himself does not recognize

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1. And convictions without Bible support and with bad Bible hermeneutics. What this sort want to be true, rather than what is truth!

1. Again the Tea Party is a good representation. It has been estimated by the news that this party represents only 18 % of the American people, and of course not even the Republican Party. And even though it started as a movement of white retired millionaires, they with Republican state governors were able to gerrymander the voting districts in very unusual and weird shapes to get this few but vocal tea partiers sent to Congress.

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the “gathering of the saints” from this lost should be dead sea scrolls that are invisible.

“Let no one {no matter how large the pulpit or denominational position} deceive you by any means, for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed...” (II Thessalonians 2:1-2)

Final NOTE: Even as Paul said “follow me in that I follow Christ”, or to the extent that I follow Christ, so Baptist intellectually honest with the Bible would say follow BAPTISTS only to the extent they follow the New Testament pattern, doctrine, and pattern of sound words.