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Me-ism

2 Timothy 3:1-9 (p 1179)

Me-ism = The Church in the Last Days

- v1 *“last days”*: Heb 1:2
- v5 *“form of godliness”*: Matt 13:24-30;
36-43.

JW Montgomery: *Damned Through the Church*

- **Sacramentalism: church replaced God**
- **Rationalism: reason is god**
- **Orthodoxism: god is sterile, impersonal**
- **Politicism: god is the state, nationalized**
- **Ecumenism: nominal believers/social gospel**
- **Experientialism: personal experience is god**
- **Subjectivism: self is god**
- **Mysticism: feelings lead to god**
- **Pragmatism: if it works it is of god**



Me-ism = Nominal 'Believers' who Learn but Never Embrace Saving Truth

- **v7: *"always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth"***
- **v8b: *"as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected"***
- **v5: *"having a form of godliness but denying its power"*. Cf. 1:6.**
- **v6-9: *eventually exposed***
- **v5: *"Have nothing to do with them."***

Me-ism = Genuine Believers who Put Anything Before Love of God

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me.***
- 2. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them.***

- Exodus 20:3-5



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- **Personal Idols**
- **National Idols**
- **Cultural Idols**

The Cure for Me-Ism

- Learn to hate me-ism
- Name, own & confess your me-ism/idolatry
- Replace me-ism with Theism
- Reflect on God's great love for you in the Gospel
- Direct all your best energies towards loving God
- Lovingly serve others
- Do all this in the Spirit's Power

***Love God passionately
and others purposefully
and He'll take care of your me-ism***

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