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II Tim. 3:12-17

I. Biblical Review of the Church.

II. Divine Warnings of Problems Ahead.
   A. Jesus. Matthew 10:16-22. *
   B. Paul. II Tim. 3:1-5. * I Tim. 4:1-4. *

III. Apostasy Began 325 A. D. and Bloomed by A. D. 666.
   A. Changes led to Apostasy.
      1. Elders equal to Bishops; elders; archbishops etc.
      2. Vocal to instrumental music. 775 A. D.
      4. Sprinkling for baptism—(immersion). 1311 A. D.
   B. Apostasy led to 1,000 yrs. of Dark Ages, Ignorance.
   C. Printing Press led to Renaissance. 1414-16th Cent.
   D. Renaissance led to Protestant Reformation.
      1. Martin Luther. 1517. Father of Lutheranism.
      2. Calvin. 1535. Father of Presbyterianism.
         Man-made names. Man-made worship to God.
         Led to division, hatred and heartaches.
         Unity, love, helping hand.

IV. Restoration Aimed at Correcting Religious Abuses.
   A. Great Men of the Movement.
      2. Dr. Abner Jones. Baptist preacher.
   B. Purposes and Aims.
      1. Return to Bible as sole authority in religion.
         "Bible only makes Christians only." Acts 4:12.
         "Speak where Bible speaks, silent where B. silent.
      2. Restore Church Organ. to N. T. pattern. E. 4:11-
         Eph. 1:22. "Christ is head. All we members! Clergy??"
         "Include only what Bible allows." Exclusion!

Inv: OUR PLEA TODAY: The Bible only. II Tim. 3:16-17.