

Cults & Religions 1 - Progressive Christianity

- **Passage: Romans 1:21-25; 2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- **Title: Dangerous Deconstruction**
- **What is PC?**
 - Very prevalent in the CHURCH.
 - Story of student
 - With people that you know.
 - Some of you in this room.
 - Call it WOKE CHURCH
 - It is a rewriting of essential and important elements of biblical teachings to fit Western secular values.
 - Rewriting - changing
 - Fit - to make it work,
 - Biblical Teaching - BIBLE, God's Word, truth
 - Secular Values - worldly core beliefs, culture
 - Call this deconstruction: taking apart, redoing, changing, adjusting
 - Note - deconstruction doesn't mean you can't have question, search, even doubt
 - Key Truth: You can't take apart something that is permanent.
 - Something that was never made to be destroyed, torn down, last cannot be destroyed.
 - Example of house built to handle storms
 - The Bible was built to handle storms of life.

MESSAGE:

- Want to give you two DANGERS of PG and two responses to PG:
 - **Two Dangers**
 - **Deconstruction has been happening for a long time.**
 - Romans 1:21-25 ²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.
 - **The gospel loses traction!**
 - ²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.
 - They - people who are wicked because they suppress the truth
 - When deconstruction happens, there's an exchange.
 - We exchange the truth GOD for a lie - our feelings, desires, beliefs, what the enemy is feeding us
 - Passage says it's foolish.
 - Think they are being wise, cultured, but are actually fools in God's eyes.
 - **Sin gains traction**
 - and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.
 - After the exchange, they serve idols, not the Lord
 - Sin takes over - ²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to
 - **When scripture loses its value, sin gets excused.**
 - **Two Responses**
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - **Scripture is truth**
 - **All Scripture is God-breathed**
 - God breathing is used in scripture often
 - Genesis God breathed into man, giving him & her life
 - Means anything that is God breathed is living, true, real
 - Not old, forgotten, washed up, alive and active
 - **Truth hurts but doesn't hate**
 - and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - This is what progressive's need to hear... there's a way to uphold truth and love people
 - HURTS
 - Uses strong words:
 - Teaching - understand
 - Rebuke - call out
 - Correct - fix
 - Train - prepare
 - These things aren't fun.
 - DOESN'T HATE
 - Scripture is used for GOOD work.
 - Good meaning - whether to be seen as good or not: means it doesn't have to be proven, it is.
 - Naturally good, pure, furthest thing from hate
 - **Scripture actually prepares you for and help you carry out goodness**