

Further Reflections on I Timothy 4

❖ Was Gnosticism Taught in Ephesus?

The heresy of Ephesus may have been influenced by this E_____/P_____ philosophy adopted by G_____ thinkers. It emphasized the need to a_____ to a k_____ which saw the m_____ w_____ as either e_____ or an i_____ (I John 1:1-4). Advocates of this position often practiced either extreme l_____ or a_____ (Colossians 2:8 and 18-23).

❖ “God Is the Savior of All People” (4:10)

1. God w_____ save all people e_____ (universalism).
2. God w_____ all p_____ to be s_____ but can only s_____ those who b_____.
3. The word Savior has two meanings in this verse:
 - God is the P_____ of u_____ here on earth (“common grace”).
 - God is the eternal S_____ of b_____ who will be spared the a_____ of hell and who will live in h_____ forever.
4. All people refers to a___ k_____ of people – from diverse e_____, e_____, and c_____ backgrounds.
5. The word especially is better translated “to be p_____”, “in o_____ words”, on “n_____” (consider also I Timothy 5:8 and 17, II Timothy 4:13).