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Introduction: Individual or Collective

Syncretism = attempt to combine or unite different religions, culture, or schools of thought.
Sun- 'together' + krēs 'Cretan' (Titus 1:12-16)

Syncretism effects individuals *in chapter 17 (Micah's mom, Micah, the Levite)*
as well as the collective *tribe of Dan, in chapter 18.*

1. The Devious Danites: Judges 18:1-3, 5-13, 27-31

Dan = he judged or he vindicated

vindicate = to clear (someone) of blame or suspicion

character = the distinctive nature of something

2.Descendants of Dan: Genesis 30:6, 49:16-18, 3,Psalm 3:18-21

3.Dan's Legacy: 1 Kings 12:26-31, 2 Kings 17:29, 32-34, 2 Timothy 3:5, Matthew 7:22-23

Individual Syncretism:	<i>Micah's mom</i>	>	<i>Micah</i>	>	<i>the Levite</i>
Collective Syncretism:	<i>tribe of Dan</i>	>	<i>Israel</i>	>	<i>every nation</i>

Christ-less Christianity:

- a. appearance, of godliness, but is powerless
- b. powerful ministry, but relationshipless

4. Our Mission: Matthew 16:18, Acts 4:11-12, Galatians 2:20, Philippians 2:9-11

“Some people want to live within the sound of chapel bells. But I want to run a mission a yard from the gates of hell. And with everyone you meet I'll take them the gospel and share it well. And look around you as you hesitate for another soul just fell. Let's run to the battle.” - Steve Camp

“Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved, and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.” - Martin Luther

“Reconciliation is a very important word. It simply means that man and God can get together. God has called us to preach this message, to train our people so they can preach this message. This is the mission of the church. This is what we preach to every creature. This is the content of the Great Commission. And I believe that if there was anything that Satan would want to attack it would be the church’s understanding of this message.”

- John F. MacArthur