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Introduction

In John 8:31,32 it says, **“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** How many people today are like certain Jews at the time of Jesus. There were many Jews at that time that thought they were free. They were doing what they were taught. Therefore, they thought they were free. In John 8:33 it says, **“They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?”**

There are many today who think they are free, but they do not know the Truth. Jesus said **“...to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

There is a lot more to being free than just saying a sinner's prayer and believing that you are free. All over the world there are many who say they are Christians. Just saying a person is a Christian does not make them free.

Jesus said we must continue in His Word. In John 8:31,32 Jesus said, **“...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

There is another spirit operating in this world that knows that continuing in the Words of Jesus are just as important as receiving Jesus, and being born again. The god of this world knows that if Christians do not continue in the Word of God, he can get them to forsake the LORD and follow his spirits.

It is the “continuing in the Word of God” that makes us free. As we study the Words that Jesus spoke we will know how important it is to continue in Jesus' Words.

Search the Scriptures

There are many things that Jesus said, and are recorded in the Scriptures that we need to understand. One of the first things we need to understand is in the Gospel of John, Chapter One. In John 1:1-4 it says, **“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The same was in the beginning with God...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”** In these verses of Scripture we see that “before” Jesus came into this world as the Son of God, and the Son of Man, He was called **“the Word of God.”**

Then in John 1:10, speaking of Jesus, it says, **“He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”** The **“Word of God”** was in the world from the beginning. This world we know now was created by **“the Word of God”** (Heb. 11:3). From the beginning of Genesis 1:2 on the Word of God created this world we now live in and He was also in the world all the time from Genesis 1:2 on. In Genesis 1:3 it says, **“And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.”** This light was not the light of the sun and the moon. The sun and the moon were not created until the fourth day. The light that came into this world was the same light that is spoken of in Revelation 21:23, where it says, **“...the Lamb is the light thereof.”**

Speaking of **“the Word of God,”** it tells us in John 1:14, **“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”** The Word of God, which was with God from the beginning of eternity, came into this world as Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The Son of God was born into this world of the Holy Spirit and a virgin woman by the name of Mary. God was Jesus’ true Father, and Mary was Jesus’ true mother. Therefore, Jesus, who was the Word of God in the very beginning became the Son of Man, born in the flesh (of the Spirit of God and a woman).

Therefore, speaking of **“the Word of God,”** we see that **“the Word of God was with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning”** (John 1:1). This beginning is speaking of the beginning of this creation that we see now. That includes all that was mentioned concerning this creation in Genesis 1:2-2:25. These two chapters of Genesis give us an account of the creation of the world in which we live today.

There are places in the Scriptures where it speaks of what took place before Genesis 1:2. Some of what took place before Genesis 1:2 is recorded in Ezekiel 28:12-20, Isaiah 14:12-20, Proverbs 8:12-31, and 2 Peter 3:5-13. There are also other places throughout the Scriptures that mention some things from before Genesis 1:2.

There are some things that God has not told us concerning creation and what happened before Genesis 1:2. These things are not important. The Scripture is written so that we might know the Truth. The Truth that we need to know is written in the four Gospels. Then, following the Gospels, we have the rest of the New Covenant, which is very important. For Jesus said in John 16:12,13, **“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”**

God has not left us without knowledge of His Word and His plans for our lives. In the Gospels alone, the Truth is made known for those who will receive the Truth and walk in the Truth. Those who receive the Truth and walk in the Truth, they will be Free. This was spoken to us by the

LORD Jesus Christ Himself.

There are many today, who think they have eternal life. Yet Jesus said in John 5:37-39, **“...the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape...And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not...Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”** These words were not spoken for the Jews only. They were spoken by Jesus, for everyone who will believe the Gospel. Everyone must “Search the Scriptures to know, beyond all doubt, that they truly have eternal life.”

When Jesus spoke these words, there were many Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes, and others that did not search the Scriptures to know the Truth. They should have known who Jesus truly was, but they did not believe Him. The words that Jesus spoke to them did not profit them.

For the words that Jesus spoke to set us free, we must believe they are true. Then we must repent and receive forgiveness of our sins (1 John 1:9). Repentance is necessary to receive forgiveness (Luke 24:47).

Truth Sets Us Free Part One

In the beginning before Adam and Eve sinned, it indicated that Adam and Eve were free. In Genesis 2:16 it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”** Mankind was free to choose the Tree of Life or the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God would not force man to eat of the Tree of Life, and God will not stop man from eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Had Adam and Eve eaten of the Tree of Life they would have lived forever. It tells us that in Genesis 3:22. Everyone has a free will to do whatsoever they desire. Before Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were free.

When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were no longer free. They were in bondage to Satan, who is **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4). How did that happen? First, Eve believed a lie that was told her by the serpent. All lies come from the Devil, “he was a liar from the beginning” (John 8:44). Eve knew the truth, for she said in Genesis 3:3, **“But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.”**

Once Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she lost her freedom and was in bondage to “the god of this world.” Being in bondage to the god of this world, Eve thought the way the world thinks, and she gave to Adam of the fruit and he did eat also (Gen. 3:6,17).

Adam, “being the head of mankind,” brought all those who were born of the flesh unto bondage to Satan. Man became a slave to the Devil. Man was no longer free. All who are descendants of Adam were born with sin and death resident in them (Rom. 5:12).

The serpent told Eve a lie. Those who believe a lie, tell others lies and are called liars. This all started with the Devil. In John 8:44, Jesus makes this known by saying to some of the Jews who did not believe upon Him. **“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”**

In Revelation 21:8 it says, **“...all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”** Satan, the Devil, and all liars will spend eternity in hell (which is the lake of fire and brimstone).

Jesus is the Truth, and Satan is a liar (John 14:6, 8:44). If we follow Jesus, we must walk in the Truth. It is the Truth that will set us free of the sin and death that entered the human race in Genesis, Chapter Three.

The Word of God is Truth. In John 17:17, Jesus said to the Father, **“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”**

The Word of God is Truth. Therefore, Jesus said to those disciples who believed on Him, **“...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”**

(John 8:31,32).

When Adam and Eve believed a lie, they were no longer free. They were in bondage to the Devil, and they were also condemned to eternity in Hell, being they were as slaves of the Devil.

When a person submits to a lie, they become subject to the Devil, who is the father of lies. In Romans 6:16 it says, **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”**

Remember, Luke 24:47 says, **“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”** 1 John 1:9 says, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

Lies That Condemn Part One

Christians who lie could be condemning themselves. There is an example in Acts 5:1-11, where it tells us of Ananias, and Sapphira. Ananias and Sapphira were Christians in the Church at that time. They were among the Christians who sold their possessions and laid the money at the Apostles feet for distribution to other Christians who were in need.

It says in Acts 4:34,35, **“Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold...And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.”**

In Acts 4:36,37 it gives us one example. It says, **“And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus...Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.”** This is speaking of Barnabas, who later became an apostle with Paul as it is mentioned in Acts 14:14.

Then in Acts 5:1-5 it says, **“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession...And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet...But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?...Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God...And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.”**

There are certain things that Christians need to understand about what happened to Ananias. First of all, Ananias and Sapphira thought they could make it look like they were giving all that they received from the property they sold, and still have some left for themselves.

Warning: Do not think God does not know what you are doing. God knows everything. There is nothing hidden from God.

Notice what Ananias and Sapphira did. First they believed a lie from the Devil. **“Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?”** (Acts 5:3). The thought that Ananias had came from Satan, the Devil. Ananias did the same thing that Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden. Ananias believed a lie that Satan put in his heart. When Ananias believed that he could lie to the Apostles, he submitted himself to the control of Satan, **“the god of this world.”**

Notice it does not say that Ananias lied to Peter. The Holy Spirit knew that Ananias was not walking in the Truth. The Holy Spirit knew the intension of Ananias' heart. Peter did not say, “Ananias why have you lied to me?” No, Peter said, **“...Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost...”** (Acts 5:3).

When someone lies to a Christian, they are lying **“to the Holy Spirit”** (who dwells in the spirits of all Christians). A Christian cannot lie to another without lying to the Holy Spirit. Satan is the god of this world, and Christians should not submit themselves to the Devil, by believing his lies.

In John 14:16, Jesus said to those who keep His commandments, **“And I will pray the**

Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.” The Holy Spirit never leaves a Christian who keeps the commandments of the LORD. The Holy Spirit was in Peter when Ananias came to Peter. The Holy Spirit revealed to Peter that Ananias was not walking in the Truth. For, Satan had filled his heart to lie concerning the money.

What happened in Acts 5:1-11 is written in the Scriptures for Christians to know and understand the Truth. Christians should not do things that they think will help themselves, “knowing it is not the Truth.” When Christians tell other Christians things that are not totally true, they are not only lying to another person, they are in fact lying to the Holy Spirit.

Christians need to understand that being a part of the Body of Christ, what they do affects the whole Body of Christ. When a Christian comes against another Christian, they are also coming against the LORD Himself.

There is an example of this in Acts 9:4, where Saul, now called Paul, was persecuting the LORD. Look at what it says, **“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”**

Saul thought he was persecuting Christians. Saul thought he was doing what was right according to the High Priests of the Jewish religion. Saul had authority from the High Priests to imprison those who were Christians.

When the LORD spoke to Saul, He did not say “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Christians?” When someone comes against a Christian, they are coming against the LORD Jesus Christ, Himself. What a Christians says to another Christian they are also saying to the LORD Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 28:20, Jesus said to His disciples, **“...I am with you always, even unto the end of the world...”** We must at all times be aware of the truth concerning “Christ in us.” In Hebrews 13:5,6 it says, **“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee...So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.”**

The LORD abides in every Christian. The LORD will never leave a Christian. When we speak to a Christian, we are also speaking to the LORD. Therefore, we should never lie to another Christian. If we lie to another Christian, we are also lying to the LORD.

Christians should never lie to anyone, no matter who they are. Anytime a Christian tells a lie, they are helping the Devil do his will in their own lives. Lying is giving place for the Devil to operate in our lives. Christians should never give any place for the Devil in their lives. Only the Truth will set us free of the lies of the Devil. Lies will put us into bondage to the Devil. The longer we live a lie, the longer we will be in bondage to the Devil.

It is sad to see what happens to people who lie. They think they are gaining something by lying. But, they are causing their own destruction. Many people who have lied to gain what they thought would benefit them, end up committing suicide. Lying only causes or leads to punishment or death.

There are spirits behind all lies. These are sent by the Devil to deceive and destroy those who listen to lying spirits. King Ahab had many false prophets, which he listened to. Ahab did not want to hear from a true prophet. When lying spirits get a place in someone’s life, they try to control everything they can.

In 1 Kings 22:19-23, the true prophet (Micaiah) spoke to King Ahab concerning his death

(which came because of his disobedience and preferring false prophets to a true prophet). In 1 Kings 22:19-23 the true Prophet spoke to Ahab. It says, **“And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left...And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner...And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him...And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so...Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put (permitted) a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.”**

Anything that is not true is a lie. As for false Prophets, Deuteronomy 18:22 says, **“When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.”** If a prophesy does not come to pass, it is a lie. Therefore, a lying spirit was operating through the person who implied that he or she was a prophet or prophetess.

Lying spirits operate wherever they can. Usually, they are found where people do not walk in the love of God. When people, including Christians, prefer themselves before others, they give a place for lying spirits to operate in their lives. This is common in the world, for the father of lies is the Devil, who is also “the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4).

The more a person submits to lying spirits, the further they get from the truth. Only the truth will set them free of lying spirits. Christians must recognize lying spirits in operation. When a thought comes to a Christian’s mind that they know is not according to the Word of God, they need to reject the thought and not let it have any place in their lives.

Lying spirits operate through thoughts they put in the minds of people. They are the source of lies. They bring people into bondage to the Devil. One lie adds to another until a person gets to the point of no return.

These spirits are not called spirits of lies, but lying spirits. Lying spirits continue to lie. They never stop lying. They keep operating in lies until they get a person in a position where they do not know what to do. No matter what they do, things never turn out the way they plan. Their plans fail, and they keep trying to find another way to do what they want to do. Lying spirits will continue to put thoughts in their minds, to bring them into defeat in their lives.

This is why there are so many people committing suicide. The spirit of death, which is sent by the Devil convinces them there is no other way out. So, they take their own lives to get out of situations caused by lying spirits.

Lying spirits cause confusion. In James 3:16 it tells us that where there is confusion there is every work of evil. Christians who are walking in the truth will not have problems with confusion. They will know the truth, and the truth will set them free of confusion.

If Christians have confusion, they should know it is a work of the enemy. Jesus said in John 10:10, **“...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”** Christians cannot have an abundant life when they have confusion. Abundant life only comes where we have peace and joy in the LORD. When the LORD is in control of our lives, we will have peace and joy in the LORD.

This peace and joy in the LORD is not the type of peace the world gives. Jesus said, **“Peace**

I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). The peace the LORD gives is not the same type of peace the world gives. It is an inward peace, in our spirits that only the LORD can give.

Confusion and peace cannot occupy our soul at the same time. Neither can Light and Darkness occupy the same place at the same time. When Light comes Darkness must leave. When the Peace of the LORD comes, confusion must leave.

Lying spirits cannot give us the peace we need in this life. Lying spirits are deceiving spirits sent by the Devil. Whatsoever the Devil sends we must resist. When lying spirits put thoughts in our minds, James 4:7,8 says, **"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you...Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."** A double minded Christian is one who listens to lying spirits, who cause confusion. Confusion is the same as double minded. These are when our thoughts are not in agreement. They produce two or more thoughts that are opposite of each other. These are double minded thoughts, which are not from God.

The Scripture says, **"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding...In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths"** (Prov. 3:5,6). If Christians will do what we are told to do in the Scriptures, lying spirits will not have any place in their lives.

The LORD cannot lie. In Malachi 3:6 it says, **"For I am the LORD, I change not..."** The LORD has never lied to anyone, not even to the Devil. The LORD has always spoken the Truth, and He cannot lie. The LORD is God and Titus 1:2 tells us that **"God cannot lie."**

It is when Christians do not trust in the LORD and lean unto their own understanding that they give place for lying spirits. These lying spirits will not give up unless Christians resist the Devil. The Devil is still in this world, and so are we in this world. As long as we are in this world, we will have tribulations. Jesus said, **"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"** (John 16:33).

If Christians will trust in the LORD and walk in truth, lying spirits will have no place in their lives. Truth and lies cannot have fellowship one with the other. When truth prevails, all lying spirits must leave.

Lying spirits cannot operate in the lives of Christians who are walking in the truth. The only time a lying spirit can operate in the life of a Christian is when Christians permit them to operate in their lives.

If a Christians permits a lying spirit to operate, the LORD cannot help them. God will not go against the will of any person. We have been given a free will to choose whom we will follow. Being a born again Christian does not keep us from doing our own will. If we willingly submit to lying spirits, God cannot help us.

For God to help us, we must submit ourselves to God. James 4:7 says, **"Submit yourselves therefore to God..."** It does not say that God will do it for us. It tells us we must do it ourselves.

Hebrews 5:9 says, **"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."** Salvation means "deliverance and protection." Deliverance and protection only comes when we obey the LORD. The LORD is the Word. To obey the LORD we

must obey the Word of God.

When we obey the Word of God, we will be saved from all the works of lying spirits in our lives. Lying spirits cannot operate in the lives of those who obey the LORD.

It is so important that Christians understand and know how to be free of lying spirits. Freedom from lying spirits will open the gates of heaven, and the Holy Spirit will enable us to walk in love and peace.

It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that helps, guides, teaches, comforts, and leads us into all things for our good. God is for us, not against us (Rom. 8:31,32). If we do what the Word of God tells us, we will obtain unto eternal peace and joy in the LORD.

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