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Introduction

This is **Part 2** of **“TRUTH will set you FREE.”** It is very important that we understand what was already revealed in Part 1. Part 1 and other parts are available by downloading them freely, from our Web sites listed on the first page of this book.

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.”**

To understand what Jesus is speaking of in these verses, we need to understand who was doing the speaking? We also need to understand who Jesus was speaking to? It says, **“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him...”** The Jews that did not believe that Jesus was who He said He was, did not believe Jesus. Therefore, they rejected the Truth that came to set them free.

Unless a person is truly born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, they cannot continue in the Word. The only way for a person to continue in the Words of Jesus, is that, that person must become born again. There are many people going to Churches today, saying they are Christians, but they are not truly born again into the Body of Christ.

Christians need to understand the difference between that which is Truth and that which is a lie. To understand what is Truth and what is a lie, we must receive our information from the Word of God, not the words of men.

The Scriptures are written that we might know the Truth, and walk in the Truth. Therefore, the Scriptures are prophesying of things past, present, and future. In 2 Peter 1:20,21 it says, **“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation...For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”**

The Scriptures were written by those who received their information by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. A true prophecy comes when someone speaks as the Holy Spirit gives them the words to speak. Anyone who claims to be prophesying and it does not come by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is a false prophet. All true prophecy comes by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, not by the will of man.

Therefore, all interpretation of the Scriptures must also come by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, not by the intellectual knowledge or understanding of man. This is spoken of in 1 Corinthians 2:4,5, where it says, **“And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power...That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”**

By the wisdom of men, we cannot know the Truth. The wisdom of man operates according to the knowledge of the natural man. The wisdom of God operates according to the Spirit of God. Therefore in 1 Corinthians 2:11-14 it says, **“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God...Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God...Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual...But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually**

discerned.”

The Truth is not revealed to everyone. The Truth is only revealed to those who believe on Jesus. This is also seen in John 3:3, where it says, **“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** To know the Truth, it must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit, not by the wisdom of man.

God had a plan for mankind from the beginning of this creation. Those who will seek the LORD with all their heart, will receive the wisdom of God and knowledge of spiritual things, which cannot be received by the intellectual knowledge of men.

If we will seek to know the Truth, the Truth will be revealed to us. It is our desire to know the Truth that opens our hearts and minds to receive the Truth.

Know the Truth

Look closely at what Jesus said in John 8:31,32, where 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.”** Jesus was speaking **“...to those Jews which believed on him...”** Jesus was not speaking to those Jews that did not believe on Jesus.

In short, the reason for this is that throughout the Old Testament, many were chosen by God to know the Truth, but they would not believe the Scriptures. They believed a lie, and thought they were believing the Truth. They did not choose to seek the LORD and commit their ways unto the Word of God, therefore, God did not reveal the Truth to them.

From the beginning, mankind has been given a free will to choose whom he will believe, the LORD or the Devil? In the garden of Eden there were two “spiritual” trees that man could freely eat of. There was **“the Tree of Life.”** There was also **“the tree of knowledge of good and evil”** (Gen. 2:9).

When Adam and Eve were in the garden of Eden, they were given the choice to choose which trees they would eat from. In Genesis 2:16 it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”** Their choices were of trees that produced physical food for their physical bodies, and trees that produced spiritual food that would determine their eternal existence.

Because that God is love, and loves everyone whom the LORD God created in the beginning, it says in Genesis 2:17, **“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”**

The Tree of Life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were spiritual trees, which were in and among all the trees of the garden. No matter where Adam and Eve went, the Tree of Life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were never far from them.

In Acts 17:26,27 it says, **“And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation...That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.”**

This is still the same today. The Truth is never far from anyone who will seek to know the Truth. Wherever we go, the Truth is never far from us.

Also, the opposite of the truth, which is a lie is never far from us. Even in the Churches that many attend today, the Truth and the lies are there for us to choose which one will we receive and which one we will reject? Churches that do not heal the sick and cast out devils are letting the Devil come to their Church and even manifest among them.

The Scriptures are prophetic. They speak of things present, past, and future. Being that God is eternal, and time is not counted in the spiritual realm, what is written in the Scriptures could have been present at the time it was spoken and also it could be prophesying of things to come in the future. In Job 1:6 it says, **“Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.”** Those who have ears to hear and eyes to see, know that Satan comes among those who come to worship the LORD.

In the Churches today, Christians should be casting out devils and healing the sick. This is made very clear Mark 16:15-18. Jesus spoke these words to those that believe. This casting out of devils and healing the sick is to be done everywhere, even in the Churches that Christians attend. When a devil is cast out of a person who is in Church, that is evidence that Satan came into that Church when that person came to worship the LORD.

The Truth is Jesus Christ, Himself. When Jesus was before Pontius Pilate, being questioned by Pilate, it says, **“Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice...Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all”** (John 18:37,38).

Pontius Pilate was not a Jew. Pontius Pilate was a Roman and did not know the Scriptures. Yet, even Pilate could discern that Jesus had no fault in Him. The tree of knowledge of good and evil reveals that to everyone. No one is without excuse. But to those who are born again, they know the truth, for they dwell in the Truth and the Truth dwells in them.

The Truth Himself, came into this world to bear witness of Himself. God did not send an angel to bare witness of the Truth. God sent the Truth Himself to bear witness of Himself.

In John 14:6, Jesus said to His disciples, **“...I am the way, the truth, and the life...”** When a person receives Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior they receive the Truth Himself. When they receive the Truth they have a witness within themselves of the Truth.

When we receive the Truth, and continue in the Truth we will be free of the lies of the Devil. If we receive the lies of the Devil, we will not be free, but will be in bondage to the Devil.

In Acts 5:1-11, Ananias and Sapphira were Spirit-filled Christians among those who received the Word of God. The Word of God is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the Truth. Therefore, Ananias and Sapphira had a choice when it came to the selling of their property. They could have kept part of it for themselves and told the Apostles they were giving the rest for distribution to those who were in need (Acts 5:4). Or, they could have done what the others did, and gave all that they received from the sale of their property to the Apostles.

Ananias and Sapphira listened to the Devil as he put thoughts in their minds, and they obeyed the Devil and lied to the Holy Spirit concerning their giving to the Apostles.

God knows those who are walking in the Truth, and those who are following another spirit sent by the Devil. Lying spirits have been in the world from the beginning. It was a lying spirit that spoke to Eve through the serpent in the beginning (Gen. 3:1-5). Eve believed the lie, and ate of the

tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:6).

Adam and Eve had not eaten of the Tree of Life, which was also in and among the trees of the garden of Eden at that time. The choice was theirs, and had they desired to receive eternal life, they could have eaten of the tree of life (Gen. 3:22).

The Word of God is prophetic all the way from Genesis through Revelation. The Truth is revealed to those who desire to know the Truth. But to those who do not desire to know the Truth and walk in the Truth, their eyes are blinded by the god of this world. With their eyes blinded, they cannot see the Truth. Neither can they walk in the Truth.

The Truth is **“Jesus Christ,”** who was **“the Word of God”** in the beginning, and has now become **“the Head of the Body of Christ.”** Until a person receives Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior, they are still blinded by the god of the world. By the knowledge of good and evil, they think they know the Truth, but their thoughts are still coming from the spirits of this world. The same spirit that operated through the serpent to deceive Eve is still working through people by the knowledge of good and evil.

The knowledge of good and evil justifies the actions of one person while condemning the actions of another person. Adam received the knowledge of good and evil when he ate the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In Genesis 3:9-12 it says, **“And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?...And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself...And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?...And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”** Adam tried to justify himself and blame Eve for his sin.

We see the same thing with Eve in Genesis 3:13. It says, **“And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”** Eve also tried to justify herself and blame the serpent for her sin.

Jesus, who was **“the Word of God”** in the beginning, created man and placed man in the garden of Eden to dress and keep it (Gen. 2:15). When man was created, he was created in the likeness and image of God (Gen. 1:26-28). God is righteous and walks in Truth.

When Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they no longer walked in righteousness and Truth. Instead, they walked in the knowledge of good and evil.

Truth takes responsibility for a persons own actions. Truth walks in righteousness. Righteousness and Truth always work together.

In Genesis 3:15 the LORD God said to the serpent, **“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”** Righteousness and Truth takes responsibility and does not walk in the knowledge of good and evil.

The Word of God, who became Jesus when He was born into this world as the Son of God and the Son of Man took responsibility for what Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden. Thereby, the Word of God became a Man, born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin woman by the name of Mary.

By the death and resurrection of Jesus, **“as the Son of Man,”** He took upon Himself the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Jesus paid the price for the sins of everyone who would believe upon **“the Son of God.”**

Jesus became the righteousness of God for all who will believe the Word of God. It tells us

in 2 Corinthians 5:21, **“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”**

Righteousness comes by taking responsibility for one’s own actions. Christians become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, when they believe the Word of God in their heart. When they receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior, they receive the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

At the time a person receives the Truth (which is Jesus Christ), the righteousness of God sets them free of all sin and death. It was the lie of the Devil, working through the serpent that brought sin and death upon all mankind in the beginning. It is the Truth, which is the **“Word of God,”** who came in the flesh of Jesus Christ that will set a person free of the lies of the Devil.

Only the Truth (which is Jesus Christ), can set a person free. Of ourselves we cannot set ourselves free of the lying spirits of this world. It takes the Truth, which is **“the Word of God,”** that came in the flesh of man to set us free.

Therefore, the Truth Himself, which is Jesus Christ, came to set us free. Jesus did the will of God the Father, and paid the price for our redemption from sin and death. Now it is up to each one individually to receive the Truth and walk in the Truth.

Truth is the opposite of a lie. Truth and lies cannot walk together. Truth will always overcome lies. Truth walks after the Spirit, whereas lies walk after the flesh. Therefore, those who walk after the flesh are not walking after the Spirit.

From Genesis through Revelation, the Word of God reveals both the Truth of God and the lies of the Devil. Christians are to walk in the Truth of the Word of God and not in the lies of the Devil. As we have received the Truth, let us so walk in the Truth.

In the New Covenant, Christians have a better covenant than the Children of Israel had in the Old Covenant (Heb. 8:6). In the New Covenant we have **“the New Birth in Christ Jesus.”**

Those who are not born again are not included in the New Covenant. Many are calling themselves Christians and quoting the Scriptures of the New Covenant, but they are not truly in Covenant with God. This is sad, for unless they are truly born again, they are still under the control of Satan, through the knowledge of good and evil.

In the New Covenant, through **“the New Birth,”** Christians have eternal life (John 5:24, 2 Cor. 5:17). In the New Birth Christians are no longer in Adam, but in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:9).

In the New Covenant, Christians have the Blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins even after we are first redeemed. In 1 John 1:5-10 it says, **“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all...If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth...But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin...If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”**

Notice that this includes that **“we walk in the light and He is in the light.”** The Word is the Light. Jesus is the Word, and Jesus is the Light of the world (John 1:4). Continuing to walk in darkness does not cleanse us from all sin. Jesus said in Luke 24:47, **“that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”** Repentance must come before forgiveness.

Following the New Birth, in the New Covenant Christians can receive the Holy Spirit as their Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher (Acts 1:4,5,8; 2:4). With the Holy Spirit, we have the ability and the power to overcome all the works of the enemy (Luke 10:19; Acts 1:8).

In all of this, in the New Covenant, Christians must “continue in Jesus’ Word.” Jesus was speaking prophetically 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.”** If we believe, then we must “continue in the Word.” “Once saved, always saved,” is not a true teaching. We must repent to be forgiven of sins which we commit after we are born again.

The Blood of Jesus is the seal of our **“everlasting covenant”** (Luke 22:20; Heb. 13:20). Our Covenant includes **“repentance and forgiveness of sins”** committed after we are born again. If we say we have not sinned, we lie and the Truth is not in us (1 John 1:8). Therefore, we must repent and be forgiven of our sins (1 John 1:9).

Repent means to “turn away from sin and go and sin no more.” To the woman whom was taken in the very act of adultery in John 8:3-11, Jesus first said to those who were her accusers, **“...He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her”** (John 8:7). After they left, Jesus said to the woman, **“Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more”** (John 8:11). Jesus told her specifically, **“...go, and sin no more”** That means, **“repent.”**

This is the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that all Christians should understand and live by. Forgiveness is made available by “the Blood of the everlasting Covenant.” We receive forgiveness when we receive the Truth, which is Jesus Christ. After we receive the Truth, we must continue in the Truth, which is the Word of God. The Truth and the Word of God are the same. Jesus is the Truth and Jesus is the Word of God.

To remain free of lying spirits we must walk in the Truth, which is the Word of God. We must continue in the Word of God and repent of all the works of the Devil in our lives. Ananias and Sapphira knew the Truth. Ananias and Sapphira did not continue in the Truth. Ananias and Sapphira died the same day they lied to the Holy Spirit.

These same lying spirits try to operate in the body of Christ wherever Christians will allow them to operate. Christians must reject the temptations of the Devil and walk in the Truth. If they do miss, and lie, they must repent and go sin no more.

A Christian who tells a lie and repents is not a liar, but one who gave place to a lying spirit. If they repent and go and sin no more they will be forgiven and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse them from their sin.

A Christian who does not repent, and continues to lie is a liar. A Christian who tells a lie, can be forgiven. But a Christian who continues to lie may not be forgiven. This is important, for Christians who do not repent and continue to lie are liars.

There are many in the Churches today that are liars. They have been lying and lying for years and think it is ok. These who do this are like the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. The youngest of two sons took his inheritance and went and wasted it on riotous living. All during this time he remained a son of his father. He never stopped being a son. Luke 15:17-19 says, **“And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!...I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee...And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make**

me as one of thy hired servants.” That is repentance. This son repented of his sin and returned to his father’s house.

Luke 15:29 says, **“And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.”** That is confession of sins. By repentance and confession of his sins, it says, **“...the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet...And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry...For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry”** (Luke 15:22-24).

The father said, **“...this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found...”** What would have happened to this son if he “had not repented and returned” to his father? Would he have still been lost? Would he still have been dead? What will happen to Christians who continue lying and do not repent?

Lying spirits are an indication that a Christian is going in the wrong direction. God never lied to anyone. In Titus 1:2 it tells us that **“God cannot lie.”** Jesus is the Word of God, and the Word of God cannot lie.

There are things that Jesus said to us that we need to understand. One of the most important things that Jesus said is in Luke 24:47, where Jesus said, **“that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”**

It seems that many think that grace takes the place of repentance. They think that because we are saved by grace and not by works, repentance is not necessary. What they do not understand is that Grace makes repentance possible for those who have sinned. But, it does not seem that Grace takes the place of repentance.

As we look at the seven churches in Revelation, Chapters Two and Three, we see that repentance and overcoming sin is still a part of the New Covenant. Even after Jesus went to be with the Father, He was still teaching repentance and overcoming the works of the Devil. One of the greatest deceptions of the Devil comes through lying spirits.

The LORD had the Apostle John write to the Church at Sardis. **“Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee...Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy...He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels”** (Rev. 3:3-5).

Jesus said, **“Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee”** (Rev. 3:3). In this, Jesus is still speaking repentance. Jesus is not speaking of His last coming, but He is speaking of coming upon each one individually, at a time they would not expect Him to come. Repentance cannot be put off until tomorrow. For tomorrow may be too late for many Christians.

Today is the day to repent and be forgiven. Today is the day to stop lying and walk in the Truth. Today is the day that Christians should return unto the LORD, the Chief Shepherd of their soul. Tomorrow may be too late.

The letter to the angel (Pastor) of the Church at Sardis was written to everyone who was a

member of that Church, and also to all the Churches today. If there were only a few in the Church at Sardis that had not defiled their garments, what about the others? What will happen to those who do not repent before the LORD comes for them. Will they be lost? Will they be dead? Will their names be taken out of the Book of Life?

Christians have been given many great and precious promises. All of these promises are based upon **“repentance and forgiveness of sins.”** The beginning of our new life in Christ Jesus is by Grace, which is only effective for those who repent and receive forgiveness of sins.

The beginning of sin and death came by a lying spirit in the garden of Eden. Eve believed a lie and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Then she gave to Adam and he did eat also. It was a lying spirit that deceived Eve. I believe lying spirits will deceive many Christians in these last days.

The only way to be free of lying spirits is to know the Truth and walk in the Truth every day of our lives. Jesus is the Truth, Christians who are “in Christ,” should also walk as He walked (1 John 2:6).

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