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Introduction

This is **Part 4** of **“TRUTH will set you FREE.”** It is very important that we understand what was already revealed in other parts of this series of Mini-Books. 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.”**

It is important that Christians understand, they must **“continue in the Word”** if they are to be free. Christians are set free when they receive Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior. But to remain free, they must **“continue in the Word.”**

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 from the words of men.

Before Jesus came into this world **“as the Son of God,”** born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin by the name of Mary, He was **“the Word of God”** (John 1:1). Jesus did not stop being **“the Word of God”** when He became **“the Son of Man,”** born of the Holy Spirit and Mary. Jesus, who was **“the Word of God”** from the beginning became the first man whereby God and man dwelt together in one. For, **“God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself”** (2 Cor. 5:19).

When a person receives Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior, they receive the Truth Himself. Thereby, they have a witness of the Truth within themselves.

Knowledge of the Truth

The Scriptures bear witness of the Truth. 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 are the written Word of God. They are written that we might know the Truth, and walk in the Truth. Therefore, the Scriptures are prophesying of things past, present, and future.

The Scriptures were written by those who received their information by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. All 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 must come 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.

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 2:7-14 it says, **“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory...Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory...But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him...But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God...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 revealed to **“them that love him”** (1 Cor. 2:10).

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 Part Three

Jesus said to those who believed on Him in John 8:31,32, **“...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.”** We can learn to know the Truth “if we continue in the words of Jesus.” Jesus is the Truth, and only by “continuing in the Truth” can we be free of the lies of the Devil.

The Word of God is Truth (John 17:17). Jesus is the Word of God, which is the Truth (John 1:14; Rev. 19:13). As we abide in Jesus Christ, we will know the Truth and the Truth will set us free.

Those who abide in the Word of God will know the Truth. Truth will be revealed to those who abide in the Word of God. In Matthew 16:15, Jesus said to His disciples, **“...But whom say ye that I am?”** Then it says, **“And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God...And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven”** (Matt. 16:16,17).

Peter did not get his information from the wisdom of man. Jesus knew where Peter got his information from. It did not come from Peter’s own intellectual knowledge. It came to Peter from God. This knowledge was given to Peter by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Peter spoke as the Holy Spirit inspired him to speak.

Christians must be careful where their information comes from. Did it come from God or did it come from Satan, the god of this world?

In Matthew 16:21-23 it says, **“From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day...Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee...But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.”**

This time it was not the Holy Spirit that gave Peter the words to speak. It was Satan. In 2 Corinthians 10:5 it says, **“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”** Christians need to understand, that if we do not bring our thoughts into subjection to the knowledge of God, which is revealed in the written Word of God, Satan can still get us to speak his lies.

As **“the Son of Man,”** Jesus brought all his thoughts into obedience to the knowledge of God which is revealed in the written Word of God. Being, Jesus was obedient to the Father, the Holy Spirit revealed to Jesus where Peter got his information from in Matthew 16:16,17 and also in Matthew 16:22.

Christians need to understand that many of the words they speak do not come from their own intellectual knowledge and understanding. Many of the words spoken by Christians come from another source, which could be God or it could be Satan.

God uses people to speak His Word into this world. God can use anyone He wishes to prophesy (which is speaking by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit). This information only comes by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals the wisdom of God to those who are truly

born again into the Body of Christ and obey the LORD. But, do not be deceived, Satan also reveals things to Christians by thoughts he puts in the minds of those who do not continue in the Word of God.

The only way to keep from speaking lies, is to **“continue in the Word of God,”** and not in the words of men (John 8:31,32). The words of men do not always come from the Holy Spirit. Many come from “the god of this world.” You will see this in Matthew 16:23, where Jesus said, **“...Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.”** Satan was using Peter’s mind and voice to speak the words of men. Satan was behind what Peter spoke. Therefore, Jesus spoke to Peter, when he said, **“...Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.”**

At that time, Peter was not born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Peter had not learned how to control the words he was speaking. Peter had not learned to bring every thought into obedience to the Word of God.

Jesus knew things by the Holy Spirit revealing them to Him at the time He needed to know. Christians, who are taught, guided, and led by the Holy Spirit will know things the world and the natural man does not know.

Satan is always looking for an opportunity to get Christians to speak words that do not agree with the written Word of God. Christians need to be very careful of the words they speak. When Christians speak to other Christians, they are in fact speaking to Jesus Christ, Himself (Acts 9:4). They can also be speaking to the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3).

Christians are a part of the Body of Christ. Every part of the Body of Christ is joined to the LORD Jesus Christ, Himself. Jesus is the Head of the Body of Christ, and all Christians are members of His Body. The Body of Christ is controlled by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. If a Christian speaks against the anointing of the Holy Spirit, they are speaking to the Holy Spirit Himself.

This is serious, for if we continue to speak against the anointing, God may turn us over to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:18-32). Once a Christian’s mind is turned over to Satan, they may not be able to control their thoughts, and continue in the Word of God. One example of this is in Hebrews 6:4-6, where it says, **“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”**

The Blood of Jesus Christ was shed to cleanse us from all sin. This cleansing of sin comes by **“repentance and forgiveness of sins”** (Luke 24:47). If a Christian cannot repent, how can they receive forgiveness of sins? If they cannot receive forgiveness of sins, where will they be when they stand before the LORD on their last day?

Christians should be concerned about their life in Christ Jesus. The LORD God created this world in the beginning. Jesus paid the price for our redemption. The LORD gave us every opportunity to receive forgiveness of sins and spend eternity with Him forever. It is through the Blood that we have redemption. If we cannot repent, how can the Blood be effective in our lives?

Lying spirits are everywhere in this world. Wherever we go, we know there are many around us who are lying to us. These are not difficult to spot, for they say things, but they do not do what

they say. From the heads of many governments all the way down to the heads of households, we see people saying they will do something, and they never do what they say. These are lying spirits working in the minds of people. The words they speak have no Truth behind them.

Jesus is the Truth, and if the words we speak do not come to pass, then the Truth is not in the words we speak. Christians who abide in the Words of Jesus will speak words of Truth. They will do what they say, for the Truth cannot lie.

There are many in the Churches today, who speak great sounding words, but they never come to pass. Where did those words come from? Was it by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, or was it of man (Matt. 16:16,17, 22,23)? Peter first spoke words that came from God the Father. Then later, Peter also spoke words that came from Satan.

Jesus Christ, who is now the Head of the Body of Christ would not permit the words spoken by Satan, to come to pass. Jesus rebuked both Peter and Satan when Peter spoke words which came from man.

Jesus gave warning to Christians in Matthew 12:36,37, saying, **“But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment...For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”** Christians must be very careful what they say, especially what they say to other Christians.

Lying spirits are at work in the Churches, and among Christians today, just as they were at the time of Jesus and His disciples. Lying spirits were among those in the early Church (Acts 5:1-10).

Each one must be sensitive to the Holy Spirit within them that they do not get involved with lying spirits. Only by the witness of the Holy Spirit within a Christian can they know if the words spoken to them are from lying spirits or from the Holy Spirit?

If we continue in the Word of God and in praying in the Spirit, we will know who is behind what is being said. We will know the false from the true, by the words they speak. If the words spoken do not come to pass, they did not come from the Holy Spirit, but most likely from a lying spirit.

The Holy Spirit will reveal the truth when it is necessary. Those who **“continue in the Word of God”** will know the Truth, but those who do not continue in the Word of God will easily be taken in the snare of the Devil.

Lying spirits came already in the Garden of Eden. Eve listened to a lying spirit and then ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Then Eve gave of the same fruit to Adam and he did eat also. By listening to a lying spirit, sin and death came upon all mankind.

From the time of Adam and Eve, lying spirits have been in this world, deceiving many into believing a lie. The Word of God is the Truth, and will reveal the Truth to those who abide in the Truth. Jesus said to His disciples in John 8:31,32, **“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.”** This is the way to know the Truth, and be free of lying spirits. The Word of God is written in the Scriptures all the way from Genesis through Revelation. But, there is a change in the covenants that God made with those who will abide in His Word.

Christians have a New Covenant, not like the Covenant God made with the Children of Israel at the time of Moses. The New Covenant includes the Holy Spirit, as our helper, guide, comforter,

leader, and teacher.

All the way throughout the Old Testament, many were used by God to do what they could do under the Old Covenant. But there were things they could not do, therefore God has given us a New Covenant with greater promises than that of the Old Covenant (Heb. 8:6-13).

Included in the New Covenant is the new birth and the gift of the Holy Spirit. If Christians receive only the new birth and not the gift of the Holy Spirit, they will be hindered from receiving the ability to overcome the lying spirits in this world. It is by the gift of the Holy Spirit, which comes by the Baptism in the Holy Spirit that we receive the power to overcome the lying spirits that operate all around us.

In the Old Covenant, they went by the witness of men to establish the truth. By the witness of two or three men truth was established. But, in the New Covenant, it is no longer the witness of men, but the witness of the Holy Spirit. In 1 John 5:8,9 it says, **“And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one...If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son.”** For the New Covenant, the three are “the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and the Blood of Jesus.”

Lying spirits still want Christians to go by the witness of men. When two or three men lie, that does not make it the truth. Many Christians have fallen into the snare of the Devil by following the witness of two or three other people, including two or three Christians.

We must have the witness of the Holy Spirit, to know the Truth. Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Spirit of Truth in John 16:13. Jesus said, **“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...He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”**

All the time that the disciples walked with Jesus before His death, resurrection, and ascension they did not have the power to overcome lying spirits. Peter made statements concerning what he would do, but Peter did not have the power to do what He said.

Many Christians today are making statements, saying what they will do, but without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, they do not have the power to overcome lying spirits. Therefore, many are defeated in their lives by lying spirits that put thoughts in their minds.

Many teachings within the Churches today are not the teachings of God, but of men. Many Christians are going from Church to Church, looking for a place where the Truth is being taught. They do not have peace in their spirit in many of these Churches. When the leaders of the Churches do not do what they say they will do, there is something wrong. It could very easily be a lying spirit working in the life of that individual.

Lying spirits will operate wherever they are permitted to operate, even in the leadership of Christian Churches. What will happen to those who submit to others who are under the influence of lying spirits? Without the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we will easily be deceived. Therefore in 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

It takes the anointing of the Holy Spirit to know the truth and not be deceived by a lie. Christians must abide in the Holy Spirit to know the Truth. Therefore, in the New Covenant we have

the Holy Spirit, the Word of God, and the Blood of Jesus as the three witnesses that are sent to us from God. The witness of men is no longer for the New Covenant. That was Old Covenant, not New Covenant.

We cannot believe a lie, even among those who say they are called to the ministry and given a position in the Churches today. We must have the anointing of the Holy Spirit to know the Truth. We must be led by the Holy Spirit, and not another spirit.

Christians must choose to walk in the Truth and not follow those who continue to lie. Remember Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-10) They thought they could lie by not telling the whole Truth. Half truths will not work with the Holy Spirit.

It is important that Christians “***repent of any half truths, and do not follow those who tell half truths.***” Actually, the New Covenant teaches that we should “***come out from among those who do not walk in the Truth***” (2 Cor. 6:14-18). If we continue with them the same lying spirit that is working in their lives may overtake us also.

Simon Peter Part Two

Before Peter was born again, he loved the LORD and was determined to follow Jesus. Peter did all he could by his own power to follow Jesus. Peter was committed to follow Jesus.

Even when Peter did not understand the words of Jesus, he was still committed to follow Jesus. In John 6:48 through John 6:65, Jesus revealed Truth to His Disciples. Yet, they could not understand what Jesus was saying. Jesus even made clear statements of what He was speaking, but they still could not understand.

In John 6:63, Jesus explained what He was speaking of by saying, **“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”** Jesus’s disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying in John 6:63. Even today there are many Christians teaching in the Churches that do not understand what Jesus meant in John 6:63.

Among the disciples of Jesus, many did not understand what Jesus was saying. In John 6:60 it says, **“Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?”** Even after Jesus explained to them in John 6:63, it says, **“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him”** (John 6:66). Then in John 6:67-69 it says, **“Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?...Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life...And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.”** Peter did not understand what Jesus was saying either, but Peter was determined to follow Jesus, knowing Jesus was **“...Christ, the Son of the living God.”**

In 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 it says, **“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 natural man cannot understand the things of God, for they must be discerned by the Holy Spirit within us. It was not until Peter was baptized in the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day that he truly understood many of the things that Jesus was teaching in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

In Acts 2:14-36, Peter began speaking by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It was Peter doing the speaking, but it was the Holy Spirit putting the words in Peter’s mouth. From that day forth, Peter began to operate by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, not by his own ability.

By the ability of man, we cannot do the works that Jesus said we should do. It is only by the anointing of the Holy Spirit that we can do what the LORD called us to do.

In Acts 2:37, it says, **“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”** Peter, still under the anointing said, **“...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost...For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the**

Lord our God shall call” (Acts 2:38,39).

As a result of Peter speaking by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, it says, **“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls”** (Acts 2:41). It was not Peter that added these to the church. It was the LORD, by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 2:47 it says, **“And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”**

In Acts 3:1-8 it says, **“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour...And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple...Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms...And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us...And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them...Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk...And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength...And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.”**

It was not by Peter's own ability that this man was healed. It was faith in the name of Jesus and the anointing of the Holy Spirit that Peter was operating by, that made that man whole. In Acts 3:12 Peter said, **“Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?”**

Zechariah had prophesied, **“...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts”** (Zech. 4:6). Jesus said in John 14:10, **“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.”** The works that Jesus did were not done by His own natural ability, but by the anointing of the Holy Spirit working through Him.

Peter and John learned to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. They learned that by their own ability, they could do nothing. In Mark 16:20 it says, **“And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”** The works that Peter and John did in Acts, Chapter Three were not by their own power, but by the anointing of the Holy Spirit confirming the Word of God with signs following.

It is important that Christians know the Truth and continue in the Truth. To continue in the Truth, Christians cannot give a place for lying spirits in their lives. It was a lying spirit that deceived Eve in the beginning. These lying spirits are still in the world, and even trying to deceive many Christians today.

God has a perfect plan for everyone born into this world. We must find God's perfect plan for our lives, and continue in the Truth unto the end (Matt. 24:9-13). We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices.

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