

A BIBLE STUDY
FOR THE DEAF

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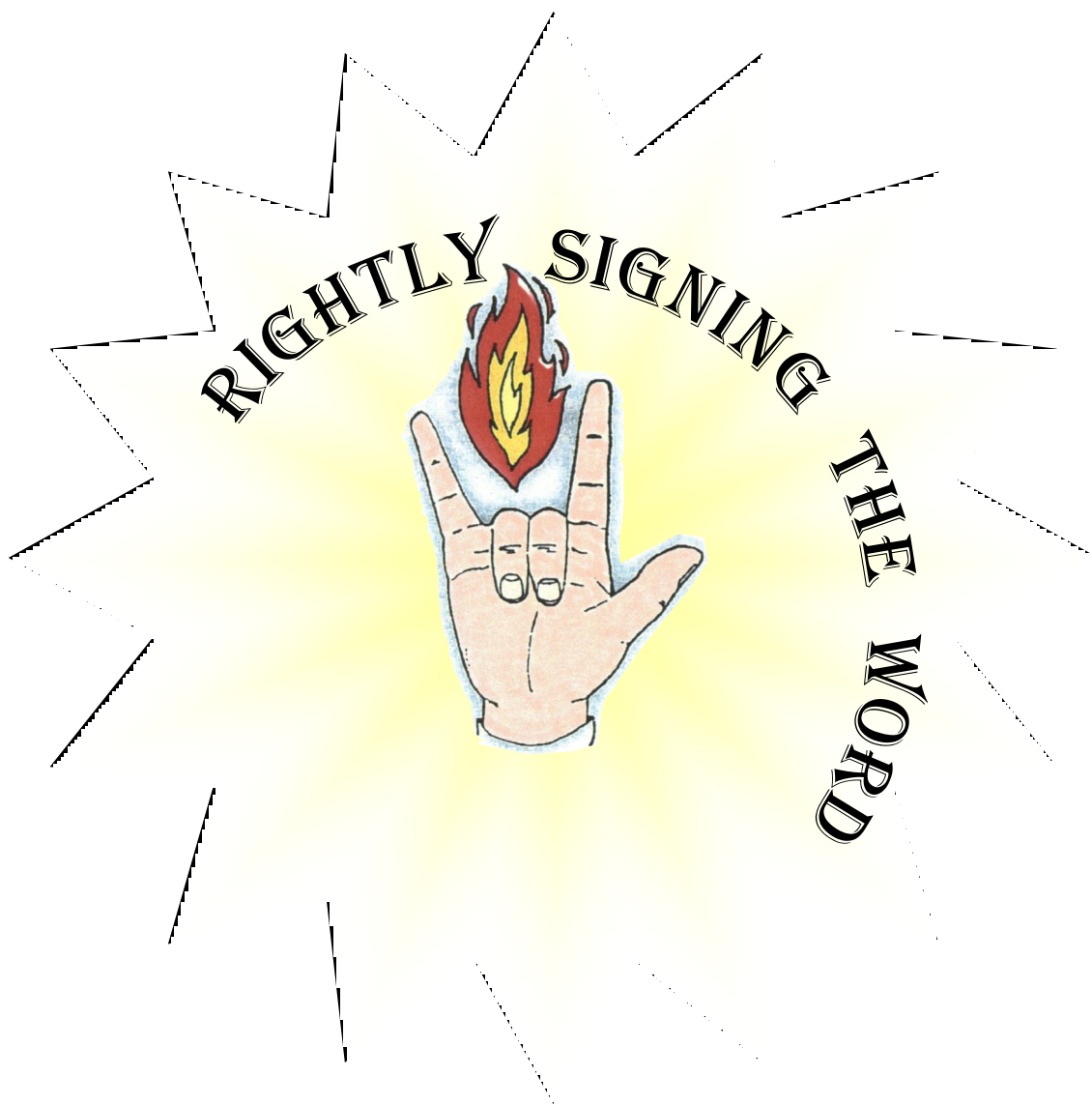


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PART 1
THE WORD OF GOD

Authority of the Word



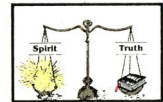
John 17:17

¹⁷Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

In Jesus prayer for His disciples, just before His crucifixion, He said God's Word is _____. He also prayed for us; and for all those who would believe on Him *through the Apostles' word*. Everyone claims to have the truth. Let the Word of God be true and every man a liar.

John 4:23-24 ²³But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. ²⁴God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

To become a true worshipper in the judgment of Jesus, we must worship in _____ and in _____. We must have both to be a "true worshipper" of God.



John 1:1 ¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 ¹⁴And 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 _____ was God and _____ was made flesh. So Jesus is the Living Word. When he speaks, it is God speaking to us.



John 12:48 ⁴⁸He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

Revelation 20:12-15 ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.



Jesus warns that His _____ will judge us, so we must be careful not to reject it. Rather, we should believe and obey it... no matter what others say or do!

2 Tim 3:12-16 ¹²Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. ¹³But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. ¹⁴But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; ¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:



Paul told Timothy to continue in the _____ he had learned taught by Paul himself. Likewise we need to **obey** the things that Paul teaches because the Word is inspired of _____. It is profitable for _____, for _____, for _____, for _____ in righteousness.

2 Peter 1:20-21 ²⁰ Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. ²¹For 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.

Peter makes us to understand the scripture is not of any _____ interpretation (or opinion) but men wrote as they were moved on by the _____.



2 Peter 3:15-18 ¹⁵And account *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; ¹⁶As also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. ¹⁷Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. ¹⁸But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.



Peter lets us know that it is possible to wrest the scriptures to our own _____. We can also fall from your own _____ by being led away from what the apostles taught.

Revelation 22:18 ¹⁸For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

²⁰He which testifieth these things saith, **Surely I come quickly**. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.



If we _____ or _____ away from the Word (the Bible) we loose our part of eternal life.

2 Tim 2:15 ¹⁵Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Study the _____ of _____ so you are able to rightly divide the Bible.

Four Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John - Is a Biography of the life of Jesus.

Acts - Actions of the apostles

The only book in the new testament with the verbatim preaching of the apostles to the lost telling them how to be saved.

Epistles - Romans through Jude - Letters to the church

Revelation - Book of prophecy (written in symbolic form)

Importance of the Word

Some questions to inspire thought and purpose.

1. Some say, "It doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere." Can a man be sincerely wrong? What does the Word say about this?
2. Is Doctrine important according to the Word?
3. Are there false prophets today?
4. Who are false prophets according to the Word?
5. Is the "Word-Doctrine-Gospel" necessary for salvation?



Gospels	History	Pauline Epistles	General Epistles	Prophecy
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MATTHEW MARK LUKE JOHN	ACTS	ROMANS 1 CORINTHIANS 2 CORINTHIANS GALATIANS EPHESIANS PHILIPPIANS COLLOSSIANS 1 THESSALONIANS 2 THESSALONIANS 1 TIMOTHY TITUS	HEBREWS JAMES 1 PETER 2 PETER 1 JOHN 3 JOHN JUDE	REVELATION

2 Timothy 4:1-4 ¹I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; ²Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

⁴And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.





Paul told Timothy to preach the _____. He warned that a time will come when men will not endure sound _____. They will turn from the _____. What truth? From what the apostles taught

1 Timothy 1:3 ³As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

No other _____, from what? From the one the apostles taught, because Paul was doing the writing.

1 Timothy 4:13-16 ¹³Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

¹⁴Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. ¹⁵Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. ¹⁶Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.



If we give attendance to reading, to exhortation and to _____ it will save _____ and _____ that hear you.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 ²⁴And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; ²⁶And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

It is possible to _____ your own self. If God gives them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth – if you don't know the truth, you are in the snare of the _____.



2 Timothy 3:1-7 ¹This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. ⁶For of this sort are they which creep



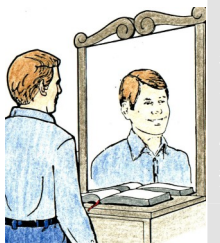
into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ⁷Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Having a form of _____, but denying the _____. (Acts 1:8 says...⁸But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:.) Ever learning yet never able to come to the knowledge of the _____.

2 Timothy 3:10 ¹⁰But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

Paul told Timothy it was my _____. The apostles doctrine brings salvation into our lives.

James 1:21-25 ²¹Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. ²³For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: ²⁴For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. ²⁵But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.



We must be a _____ of the Word for it is able to save your soul. If we are hearer only and not a doer we only deceive our own selves. We must both hear and do the word or we deceive our own selves.

Matthew 7:13-24 ¹³Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. ¹⁵Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. ¹⁶Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? ¹⁷Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. ²⁰Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. ²⁴Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: ²⁵And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.



Beware of false _____ which come to you in sheep's clothing. You shall know them by their _____. Whosoever heareth the sayings of Jesus and _____ them builds his house upon a _____. The rock is the Word. The fruit of a false prophet is he will not build on the Word of God.

Matthew 16:18-19 ¹⁸And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

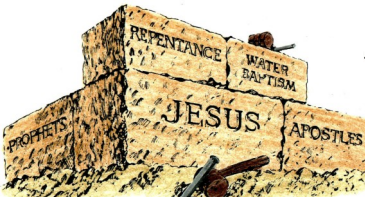


He will build His church upon the rock. Not Peter as a man but the revelation of His Word. His Word is the rock. If the Word is his rock the false prophets won't build upon it. Jesus said He was binding (standing behind) all that Peter said. Whatsoever he shalt _____ on earth or _____ on earth & heaven.

1 Peter 1:22-25 ²²Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that* ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: ²³Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ²⁴For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.



You have purified your soul in _____ the truth. We are born again by the _____ of God by incorruptible seed which _____ and _____ for ever. The _____ and the _____ is preached unto you. This is speaking of the gospel Peter preached.



1 Peter 2:6-9 ⁶Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. ⁷Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, ⁸And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them* which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. ⁹But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

If you are offended at the Word the apostles preached, you are offended at Jesus your foundation. Then Christ becomes the rock of _____. Christ becomes a rock of stumbling to them which stumble at the _____ and are disobedient. The gospel is our foundation we must build upon. We have been called out of _____ into his marvelous _____.

Ephesians 2:18–22 ¹⁸For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. ¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; ²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; ²¹In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: ²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

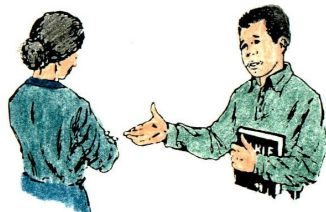


The household of God is built upon the foundation of the _____ and _____. Why them? Because they are the ones that preached in order to build on Jesus.

John 17:17-20 ¹⁷Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. ²⁰Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

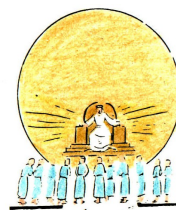
Jesus prayed for them also which shall _____ on Him according to the apostles words.

Galatians 1:6-12 ⁶I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: ⁷Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. ¹¹But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. ¹²For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹³For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:



Though we, or an _____ from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached let him be _____. We must obey what the apostles preached or we are accursed. Some will pervert the gospel (change it up). They are the ones to fear. That's how to know a false prophet.

1 Peter 4:17-18 ¹⁷For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? ¹⁸And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? ¹⁹Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.



What is going to be the end of them that _____ the gospel of God? If the righteous _____ be saved, where are the sinners going to appear? Notice how he mentions not obeying the gospel and being a sinner together.



2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 ⁷And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, ⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; ¹⁰When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

This answers as to what will happen to those who _____ the gospel. Also notice he ties obeying the gospel he speaks about, in with the coming of the Lord, which proves the gospel won't change. (7)

2 John 1:9-11 ⁹Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: ¹¹For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

We must abide in the doctrine of _____ in order to have God. If any come unto you and bring not this _____, you should not receive him into your _____ lest you be a partaker of his evil deeds.

1 John 4:6

⁶We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

The apostles are of _____, he that is of God heareth them. This is how we know truth from error. (2 Peter 3:2 proves the words "we and us" refers to the apostles, when they were writing). 2 Peter 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of **us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour**:

Jude 1:3 ³Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Jude exhorts us to earnestly contend for the _____ which was once delivered unto the saints. They all had the same message.

Matthew 23:15 ¹⁵Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.



Proselyte means: one converted to a belief. Once a person is supposedly saved by the wrong belief, you can't get them to realize they are lost so the can be saved according to the truth. Therefore he's a twofold _____. (Matthew 15:14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.)

Romans 1:16 ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

We should not be ashamed of the gospel because if we believe the gospel of Christ it is the power of God unto _____.

Romans 1:20 ²⁰For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

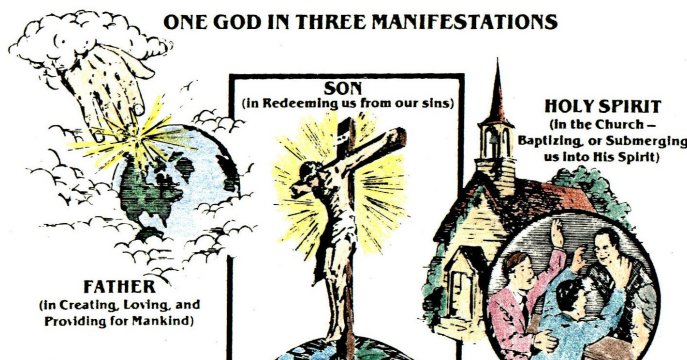
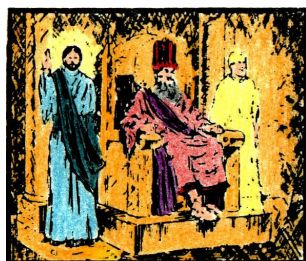
The Godhead is without excuse. There are three basic theories on the Godhead:

We need to know which of these is correct because its without excuse. Let the Bible tell us which is true. Read 2 Cor. 5:19 or 1 Tim. 3:16

Trinity: Three persons in a Godhead that are co-equal, co-existent, and co-eternal that agree together to make up one God.

Oneness: There is one God which is an omnipresent Spirit (deity) that lived in the Son (flesh).

Jehovah's Witness: Jehovah is the only Almighty God and Jesus is just a little god.

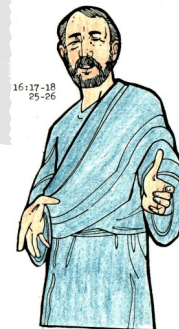


2 Cor. 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself,...

Romans 6:17-18 ¹⁷But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. ¹⁸Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

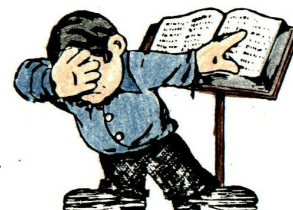
We were the _____ of sin, but when we obeyed the doctrine we were made _____ from sin. Sinners made righteous if we obey the apostles doctrine.

Romans 16:17-18 ¹⁷Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. ¹⁸For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.



Mark them which teach something other than the _____ which you have learned from the apostles. (The apostles taught the church at Rome what they knew because he states so in verse 25 a few verses down) **Romans 16:25** ²⁵Now to him that is of power to **stablish you according to my gospel**, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, **They were not serving the Lord Jesus by _____ and _____ which deceive the hearts of the simple.** An example of deceptive speeches: (1) It does not matter what you believe as long as you are sincere. Or (2) That was just for them in their day. When you hear this talk you should put a check "mark" on them in your mind.

2 Corinthians 4:1 ¹Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; ²But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. ³But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: ⁴In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. ⁵For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.



The apostles were not handling the Word of God _____. But if the apostles gospel is hid to someone... he is _____. The god of this world (Satan) has blinded their minds so the true gospel wont get to them.

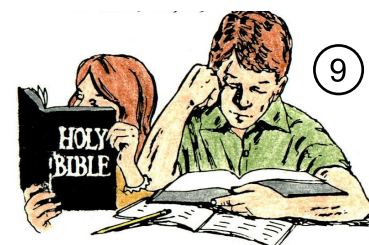
2 Corinthians 11:10-15 ¹⁰As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. ¹²But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. ¹³For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.



Satan himself is transformed into an _____ of _____. And false prophets (Satan's ministers) have become ministers of _____. So how can we tell a false prophet? By seeing if they preach the same thing the apostles did.

Ephesians 4:14-15 ¹⁴That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

Don't be carried away by every wind of _____. Whose can we believe? Only the apostles' doctrine will save us. If we are deceived by another doctrine by the sleight of men and cunning craftiness we will be children tossed to and fro and not able to receive salvation for our souls.



Colossians 2:8-9 ⁸Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. ⁹For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

Beware of _____ and vain _____ after the tradition of men. They are of this world but you'll find fullness in Jesus Christ.



2 Thessalonians 2:9-15 ⁹Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, ¹⁰And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹²That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. ¹³But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: ¹⁴Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

People must have a love for the _____ or God himself will send them a strong _____ and they will believe a _____ and be damned because they don't love the truth. You can see from this scripture how serious God is about obeying His gospel.

There are basically three ways to be lost and only one way to be saved.

Ways to be lost:

- ➡ You could never hear the apostles' gospel, and if it's hid to you, you are lost.
- ➡ You could be deceived, by a false prophet, into believing something other than what the apostles preached.
- ➡ You could not love the truth after you hear it and God himself will send you a delusion and allow you to believe a lie and be damned. He feels like so many will be lost because of the first two reasons, that people should appreciate the gospel when it is revealed to them.



One way of Salvation:

You must hear what the apostles preached and love it enough to obey it and live a godly life as a result of the gospel. ¹⁴Whereunto he **called you by our gospel**, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and **hold the traditions** which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. What gospel? Paul's gospel (or the apostles' gospel). Hold the traditions....What tradition? Those Paul and the apostles preached. We must obey what the APOSTLES preached because they have the truth.

Continue into Part II of Rightly Dividing The Word to learn what the apostles doctrine is! Without knowing exactly what the apostles doctrine is you fall into the first 2 ways to be eternally lost. Don't be eternally damned by not obeying the apostles gospel. **2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** ⁸In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: ⁹Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Don't be one of these people!