THE TRUTH OF GOD

INTRODUCTION

THE ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH IS FROM THE GODHEAD ABOVE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

THE GODHEAD WATCHES OVER THEIR WORD OF TRUTH AND HAVE REVEALED THIS TRUTH TO HOLY MEN OF GOD AS THEY WERE LED BY THE HOLY GHOST AS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES.
THERE IS NO BARRIER TO ONE RECEIVING THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES; ONCE WE SEEK THE TRUTH OF GOD FROM THE SCRIPTURES ALONE.

OUR DESIRE SHOULD BE TO SEEK AND KNOW THE TRUTH OF GOD AND TO FOLLOW AFTER THE TRUTH OF GOD.

SATAN'S GOAL IS TO DECEIVE US SO THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE AND UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH OF GOD AND INSTEAD BELIEVE THE LIES OF THE SYSTEM OF THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD.

WE MUST BE FEARFUL OF THE DANGER OF ACQUIRING KNOWLEDGE APART FROM GOD AND HIS WORD WRITTEN IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

THE FOLLOWING KEY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED WHEN MEDITATING ON THE TRUTH OF GOD AND HIS WORD:

- CAN WE RECOGNIZE DECEPTION APART FROM WHAT IS REVEALED FROM THE GODHEAD AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES?
- WHAT IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH?
- WHAT IS TRUTH?
- WHY DO WE BELIEVE WHAT WE BELIEVE?
- CAN WE PROVE ALL THAT WE BELIEVE BY THE WORD OF GOD?
- WHAT HAVE WE BELIEVED THAT WE CANNOT PROVE BY THE WORD OF GOD?
- WHY IS IT DANGEROUS TO BELIEVE WORDS AND OUR THOUGHTS WITHOUT SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURE THOROUGHLY BEFORE FORMING A CONCLUSION?

❖ CAN WE RECOGNIZE DECEPTION APART FROM WHAT IS REVEALED FROM THE GODHEAD AND THE HOLY SCRIPTURES?

MANY TRUST IN THEMSELVES TO RECOGNIZE **THE TRUTH OF GOD** APART FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND THE TRUTH OF THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD.

Jer 17:9-10 (KJV) 9 THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS, AND DESPERATELY WICKED: WHO CAN KNOW IT?
Jer 17:10 (KJV) 10 I THE LORD SEARCH THE HEART, I TRY THE REINS, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

Dan 10:21 (KJV) 21 BUT I WILL SHEW THEE THAT WHICH IS NOTED IN THE SCRIPTURE OF TRUTH: and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

Rom 3:4 (KJV) 4 God forbid: yea, LET GOD BE TRUE, BUT EVERY MAN A LIAR; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Rom 7:18 (KJV) 18 FOR I KNOW THAT IN ME (THAT IS, IN MY FLESH,) DWELLETH NO GOOD THING: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Matt 24:4-5 (KJV) 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU.
Matt 24:5 (KJV) 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Rom 16:17-19 (KJV) 17 Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM.
Rom 16:18 (KJV) 18 For 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.

Rom 16:19 (KJV) 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

2 Cor 11:3-4 (KJV) 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, SO YOUR MINDS SHOULD BE CORRUPTED FROM THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST.
2 Cor 11:4 (KJV) 4 For if he that cometh preacheth ANOTHER JESUS, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive ANOTHER SPIRIT, which ye have not received, or ANOTHER GOSPEL, which ye have not accepted, YE MIGHT WELL BEAR WITH HIM.

2 Cor 11:13-15 (KJV) 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
2 Cor 11:14 (KJV) 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
2 Cor 11:15 (KJV) 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

WE CANNOT USE THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD TO PROVE THE TRUTH OF GOD – THE WORD OF GOD; BECAUSE THE WORLD IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOD OF THE WORLD – SATAN.

WE CAN BE DECEIVED AND BELIEVE A LIE IF WE DO NOT PROVE ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF GOD **ALONE** AND BY THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH, BEFORE WE BELIEVE.

2 Thess 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
2 Thess 2:10 (KJV) 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, that they might be saved.
2 Thess 2:11 (KJV) 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, THAT THEY SHOULD BELIEVE A LIE:
2 Thess 2:12 (KJV) 12 That they all might be damned WHO BELIEVED NOT THE TRUTH, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

THERE IS SPIRITUAL DANGER WHICH CAN LEAD TO ETERNAL DEATH OF **NOT** SEARCHING OUT A MATTER **THOROUGHLY** IN THE

SCRIPTURES **ALONE** BY THE LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

WE ONLY BELIEVE AFTER PROVING FROM THE SCRIPTURES ALONE. ONCE THE TRUTH OF GOD IS REVEALED THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS OPENED; WE MUST CHANGE.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND CHURCH DOCTRINE MUST COME AFTER **THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD**.

❖ WHAT IS OUR ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH?

TO BE ESTABLISHED IN THE TRUTH OF GOD; WE MUST TRUST AND BE ANCHORED IN THE SCRIPTURES AS OUR **ONLY** SOURCE OF TRUTH.

THE BIBLE MUST BE OUR ONLY AUTHORITY ON THE TRUTH OF GOD.

JESUS DECLARED THAT THE ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH IS THE WORD OF GOD IN BIBLE.

John 17:17 (KJV) 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH.

I. GOD POSESSES ALL TRUTH.
II. WE CANNOT AQUIRE ALL OF GOD'S TRUTH IN THIS LIFE.
III. THE TRUTH OF GOD MUST BE REVEALED BY GOD.
IV. GOD'S TRUTH GOES BEYOND WHAT IS REVEALED BY GOD.
V. GOD HAS ABSOLUTE TRUTH AND IS THE SOURCE OF ALL TRUTH.
VI. TRUTH EMANATES FROM GOD AND HIS WORD FROM THE THRONE OF GOD.
VII. GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.
VIII. WE MUST STUDY THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD – THE BIBLE ABOVE EVERY OTHER KNOWLEDGE IN THE WORLD.

❖ WHAT IS TRUTH?

DURING HIS INTERROGATION WITH JESUS CHRIST PILATE ASKED A VERY RELEVANT QUESTION TO JESUS CHRIST?

WHAT IS TRUTH?

John 18:36-37 (KJV) 36 Jesus answered, MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: BUT NOW IS MY KINGDOM NOT FROM HENCE.
John 18:37 (KJV) 37 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.
John 18:38 (KJV) 38 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.

WHO IS THE SOURCE OF ALL TRUTH?

- GOD ALONE POSSESSES ALL TRUTH.
- THE TRUTH OF GOD MUST BE REVEALED FROM THE WORD OF GOD AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- WE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FULL TRUTH OF GOD.
- AS WE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE FULL TRUTH OF GOD WE MUST LET GO WHAT WE BELIEVED WAS TRUTH AND HOLD ON TO PRESENT TRUTH.

2 Peter 1:12 (KJV) 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in THE PRESENT TRUTH.

THERE IS FUNDATIONAL OF TRUTH

WE MUST CONTINUE IN THE WORD OF GOD TO FULLY COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

John 8:31-32 (KJV) 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, IF YE CONTINUE IN MY WORD, then are ye my disciples indeed;

John 8:32 (KJV) 32 And YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, and THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.

THE TRUTH OF GOD WILL SET US FREE FROM THE FOLLOWING:

WE NEED TO PROVE TO OURSELVES THAT WE ARE OVERCOMING THESE ENEMIES THAT CAN HINDER US FROM ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

I. OUR FLESH – OURSELVES – CARNAL MINDS

John 6:63 (KJV) 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Rom 7:18 (KJV) 18 For I know that in me (THAT IS, IN MY FLESH,) DWELLETH NO GOOD THING: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

Rom 8:13 (KJV) 13 FOR IF YE LIVE AFTER THE FLESH, YE SHALL DIE: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

II. THE TRUTH OF THE WORLD – THE SYSTEM OF THE WORLD

THERE IS **NO TRUTH OF GOD** DERIVED FROM THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD INFLEUNCED BY SATAN.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD CANNOT PROMOTE THE TRUTH OF GOD.

Gal 1:4 (KJV) 4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from THIS PRESENT EVIL WORLD, according to the will of God and our Father:

1 John 2:15-17 (KJV) 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

1 John 2:16 (KJV) 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
1 John 2:17 (KJV) 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

James 4:4 (KJV) 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.

III. THE TRUTH OF SATAN – THE POWER OF HIS INFLUENCE

John 14:30 (KJV) 30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: FOR THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD COMETH, and hath nothing in me.

1 Cor 2:12 (KJV) 12 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.

2 Cor 4:4 (KJV) 4 In 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.

Rev 12:9 (KJV) 9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, WHICH DECEIVETH THE WHOLE WORLD: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

❖ HOW DO WE INCREASE IN THE TRUTH OF GOD?

WILL WE EVER POSSESS ALL THE TRUTH OF GOD?

WE MUST CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE TRUTH OF THE THINGS OF GOD.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS WHO LEADS US INTO ALL TRUTH.

AS WE STUDY GOD'S WORD AND SUBMIT TO THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WE WILL INCREASE IN THE TRUTH OF GOD.

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❖ **READ, STUDY AND MEDITATE IN OUR BIBLE DAILY**

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV) 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

❖ **PROVE ALL THINGS BEFORE WE BELIEVE**

1 Thes 5:21 (KJV) 21 PROVE ALL THINGS; hold fast that which is good.

❖ **DEPEND ON THE LEAD OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD US INTO THE TRUTH OF GOD**

John 14:17 (KJV) 17 Even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:26 (KJV) 26 But THE COMFORTER, WHICH IS THE HOLY GHOST, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.
John 15:26 (KJV) 26 But when THE COMFORTER is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:13-15 (KJV) 13 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.
John 16:14 (KJV) 14 HE SHALL GLORIFY ME: for HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE, and SHALL SHEW it unto you.

John 16:15 (KJV) 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that HE SHALL TAKE OF MINE, and SHALL SHEW it unto you.

- **GROW IN GRACE AND IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST**

2 Peter 3:18 (KJV) 18 But GROW IN GRACE, and in THE KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

- **DO NOT HOLD UNTO PAST UNDERSTANDING WHEN GOD REVEALS NEW TRUTH TO US FROM HIS WORD.**

GOD THE FATHER IS ALWAYS DEEPENING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF SPIRITUAL TRUTH.

2 Peter 1:12 (KJV) 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in THE PRESENT TRUTH.

- **KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH**

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH IS REVEALED BY GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST FROM THE WORD OF GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT. ONCE GOD REVEALS NEW TRUTHS TO US WE MUST LET GO OF OLD BELIEFS.

DEFINITION OF REVEAL: TO MAKE (PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN OR SECRET INFORMATION) KNOWN TO OTHERS.

JESUS CHRIST OPENS UP THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SCRIPTURES; THEREFORE WE WILL ONLY UNDERSTAND AS OUR UNDERSTANDING IS OPENED UP.

Luke 24:17-32 (KJV) 17 And he said unto them, What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
Luke 24:18 (KJV) 18 And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?

Luke 24:19 (KJV) 19 And he said unto them, WHAT THINGS? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:
Luke 24:20 (KJV) 20 And how THE CHIEF PRIESTS and OUR RULERS DELIVERED HIM TO BE CONDEMNED TO DEATH, and have crucified him.
Luke 24:21 (KJV) 21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.
Luke 24:22 (KJV) 22 Yea, and certain women also of our company made us astonished, which were early at the sepulchre;
Luke 24:23 (KJV) 23 And when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, which said that he was alive.
Luke 24:24 (KJV) 24 And certain of them which were with us went to the sepulchre, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not.
Luke 24:25 (KJV) 25 Then he said unto them, O FOOLS, and SLOW OF HEART TO BELIEVE ALL THAT THE PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN:
Luke 24:26 (KJV) 26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
Luke 24:27 (KJV) 27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, HE EXPOUNDED UNTO THEM IN ALL THE SCRIPTURES the things concerning himself.
Luke 24:28 (KJV) 28 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they went: and he made as though he would have gone further.
Luke 24:29 (KJV) 29 But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went in to tarry with them.
Luke 24:30 (KJV) 30 And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and brake, and gave to them.
Luke 24:31 (KJV) 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight.
Luke 24:32 (KJV) 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and WHILE HE OPENED TO US THE SCRIPTURES?

Luke 24:44-45 (KJV) 44 And he said unto them, THESE ARE THE WORDS WHICH I SPAKE UNTO YOU, while I was yet with you, that all

things must be fulfilled, which were WRITTEN IN THE LAW OF MOSES, and IN THE PROPHETS, and IN THE PSALMS, concerning me.
Luke 24:45 (KJV) 45 THEN OPENED HE THEIR UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY MIGHT UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES,

WE ARE COMING UNTO THE TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH AS GOD REVEALS. WE CAN BECOME STAGNANT IN OUR PURSUIT OF TRUTH.

1 Tim 2:3-4 (KJV) 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
1 Tim 2:4 (KJV) 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and TO COME UNTO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

1 Tim 2:7 (KJV) 7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) A TEACHER OF THE GENTILES IN FAITH AND VERITY.

THE ROLE OF THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IS TO DECLARE THE TRUTH OF GOD. THE ROLE OF THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IS NOT TO PROVE THE WORLD IS WRONG; BECAUSE GOD HAS ALREADY JUDGED THAT THE WORLD IS WRONG.

THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD IS THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH OF GOD.

1 Tim 3:15 (KJV) 15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, WHICH IS THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH.

WE CAN DEVIATE FROM THE TRUTH OF GOD.

2 Tim 2:18 (KJV) 18 Who concerning THE TRUTH HAVE ERRED, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

WE NEED THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH OF GOD.

2 Tim 3:7 (KJV) 7 Ever learning, and never able TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH OF GOD IS RECEIVED FROM GOD.

Heb 10:26 (KJV) 26 For if we sin wilfully after that WE HAVE RECEIVED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

- **WALKING IN THE TRUTH**

WE MUST NOT BECOME STAGNANT IN THE TRUTH OF GOD. THE TRUTH OF GOD IS NOT A ONE TIME EVENT; AS GOD REVEALS HIS TRUTH TO US BY HIS WORD AND THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HIS OWN TIMING, WE MUST CHANGE OUR UNDERSTANDING IN OUR MINDS AND NOT HOLD ON TO OUR OWN OLD UNDERSTANDING; BUT GROW IN THE NEW UNDERSTANDING OF GOD. THERE ARE HOWEVER FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS OF GOD.

2 John 1:4 (KJV) 4 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children WALKING IN TRUTH, as we have received a commandment from the Father.

- **THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE TRUTH**

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TEST THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE TRUTH. WE WORSHIP GOD THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But 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.
John 4:24 (KJV) 24 GOD IS A SPIRIT: and they that worship him must worship him IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH.

WHY DID THE APOSTLE JOHN STATE THAT WE OUGHT TO TEST THE SPIRITS?

- **THE SCRIPTURES CAN BE QUOTED BY ANYONE; BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD IS THE SPIRIT OF GOD WHICH IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.**

- DOES THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD GIVE GLORY TO GOD ALONE OR SELF GLORY OR GLORY TO MAN?
- DOES THE SPIRIT BEHIND WORD GIVE GLORY TO ADMINISTRATION OR TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD ALONE?
- DOES THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD BRING GLORY ONLY TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD OR TO INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD?

THE TRUTH BEHIND THE SCRIPTURES MUST BE REVEALED BY GOD THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

WE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TEST THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD.

1 John 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
1 John 4:2 (KJV) 2 Hereby know ye THE SPIRIT OF GOD: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
1 John 4:3 (KJV) 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
1 John 4:4 (KJV) 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
1 John 4:5 (KJV) 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR:

1 John 4:6 (KJV) 6 We 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.

❖ **THERE COULD BE A WRONG SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD OF GOD**

SOMETIMES THE WORDS MAY SOUND SPIRITUAL AND OF GOOD INTENTION; BUT WE MUST LEARN BY THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO IDENTIFY THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORDS.

Acts 16:16-18 (KJV) 16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel POSSESSED WITH A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:
Acts 16:17 (KJV) 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, THESE MEN ARE THE SERVANTS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD, WHICH SHEW UNTO US THE WAY OF SALVATION.
Acts 16:18 (KJV) 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, BEING GRIEVED, TURNED AND SAID TO THE SPIRIT, I COMMAND THEE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST TO COME OUT OF HER. And he came out the same hour.

❖ **JESUS' TEMPTATION BY SATAN THE DEVIL**

JESUS UNDERSTOOD THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD

Luke 4:9-12 (KJV) 9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

SATAN QUOTED FROM THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD – THE SCRIPTURES. BUT HE WAS A DECEPTIVE SPIRIT BEHIND THE SCRIPTURES.

Luke 4:10 (KJV) 10 For IT IS WRITTEN, HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE, TO KEEP THEE:
Luke 4:11 (KJV) 11 AND IN THEIR HANDS THEY SHALL BEAR THEE UP, LEST AT ANY TIME THOU DASH THY FOOT AGAINST A STONE.

SATAN QUOTED FROM PSALMS 91:11-12 WITH THE WRONG MOTIVE.

Psa 91:11-12 (KJV) 11 FOR HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE OVER THEE, TO KEEP THEE IN ALL THY WAYS.
Psa 91:12 (KJV) 12 THEY SHALL BEAR THEE UP IN THEIR HANDS, LEST THOU DASH THY FOOT AGAINST A STONE.

JESUS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT EXPOSED THE SPIRIT BEHIND THE WORD.

Luke 4:12 (KJV) 12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, THOU SHALT NOT TEMPT THE LORD THY GOD.

EVE WAS DECEIVED AND ADAM SINNED BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KEEP THE WORD OF GOD AS THE ONLY SOURCE OF TRUTH.

Gen 2:16-17 (KJV) 16 And THE LORD GOD COMMANDED THE MAN, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:
Gen 2:17 (KJV) 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.

Gen 3:1-5 (KJV) 1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?
Gen 3:2 (KJV) 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:
Gen 3:3 (KJV) 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.
Gen 3:4 (KJV) 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
Gen 3:5 (KJV) 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

1 Tim 2:14 (KJV) 14 And ADAM WAS NOT DECEIVED, but THE WOMAN BEING DECEIVED was in the transgression.

❖ GOD DESIRES TRUTH IN OUR INWARD PARTS

WE CANNOT AND MUST NOT TRUST OURSELVES OUTSIDE THE WORD OF GOD AND THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CONCERNING THE THINGS OF GOD; OTHERWISE WE WILL DECEIVE OURSELVES OR BECOME DECEIVED BY SATAN.

WE MUST EXAMINE AND PROVE TO OURSELVES THAT WE HAVE THE TRUTH OF GOD WITHIN OURSELVES AND ARE BEING DIRECTED BY THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD AS WE FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD:

2 Cor 13:5 (KJV) 5 EXAMINE YOURSELVES, whether ye be in the faith; PROVE YOUR OWN SELVES. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

Psa 51:6 (KJV) 6 Behold, THOU DESIREST TRUTH IN THE INWARD PARTS: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

❖ GOD'S LAW IS THE TRUTH

Psa 119:142 (KJV) 142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and THY LAW IS THE TRUTH.

ALL GOD'S COMMANDMENTS ARE TRUTH

Psa 119:151 (KJV) 151 Thou art near, O Lord; and ALL THY COMMANDMENTS ARE TRUTH.

❖ EXAMPLE OF THE BEREANS

I. THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH READINESS OF MIND
II. SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY
III. THEN THEY BELIEVED

Acts 17:10-11 (KJV) 10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto BEREA: who coming thither WENT INTO THE SYNAGOGUE OF THE JEWS.
Acts 17:11 (KJV) 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS OF MIND, and SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, whether those things were so.
Acts 17:12 (KJV) 12 THEREFORE MANY OF THEM BELIEVED; also of honourable women which WERE GREEKS, and of men, not a few.

EXAMPLE OF THE GENTILE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

Rev 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

Rev 2:2 (KJV) 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and THOU HAST TRIED THEM WHICH SAY THEY ARE APOSTLES, and are not, and HAST FOUND THEM LIARS:

❖ THE TRUE AND LIVING GOD IS TRUTH

EVERY MEMBER OF THE GODHEAD IS TRUTH:

1. GOD THE FATHER IS TRUTH
2. GOD THE WORD (JESUS CHRIST) IS TRUTH
3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TRUTH

GOD THE FATHER IS TRUTH

WHEN JESUS WAS PRAYING TO GOD THE FATHER IN HEAVEN WHILE HE WAS ON THE EARTH; HE DECLARED THAT THE FATHER'S WORD IS TRUTH.

John 17:17 (KJV) Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH.

1 John 5:20 (KJV) 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM THAT IS TRUE, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. THIS IS THE TRUE GOD, and eternal life.

GOD THE WORD WHO BECAME JESUS CHRIST IS TRUTH

JESUS CHRIST DECLARED THAT HE IS THE WAY; THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.

John 14:6 (KJV) 6 Jesus saith unto him, I AM the way, THE TRUTH,

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TRUTH

- ❖ HOW DO WE WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH?
- ❖ HOW DO WE OBTAIN **THE TRUTH OF GOD** IN THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD AND FROM THE GODHEAD?

THE PERSON OF **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TRUTH** AND IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH AND REVEALS THE TRUTH OF GOD TO THOSE CALLED OF GOD.

WE OBTAIN THE TRUTH OF GOD BY RELYING ON THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS TRUTH.

WE CAN ONLY WORSHIP GOD THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH BY THE LEADING OF THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

John 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 But 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.
John 4:24 (KJV) 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.

John 14:17 (KJV) 17 Even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 15:26 (KJV) 26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

John 16:13 (KJV) 13 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.

Eph 5:9 (KJV) 9 (For THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT is in all goodness and righteousness and TRUTH;)
2 Thess 2:13 (KJV) 13 But 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:

THE SPIRIT IN MAN OR THE SPIRIT OF MAN CONCEIVED INTO THIS WORLD IS A SPIRIT OF ERROR AND WHEN WE ARE BORN AGAIN OR BORN OF GOD WE RECEIVE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH WHICH CAN BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

1 John 4:6 (KJV) 6 We 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 HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

1 John 5:6 (KJV) 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is THE SPIRIT that beareth witness, because THE SPIRIT IS TRUTH.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES

- **TRUE**

Psa 119:160 (KJV) 160 THY WORD IS TRUE from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

- **TRUTH**

WHERE CAN WE FIND THE TRUTH OF GOD?

John 17:17 (KJV) 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: THY WORD IS TRUTH.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH.

2 Tim 2:15 (KJV) 15 STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.

- **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TRUTH.**

MANY DO NOT KNOW THE PERSONAL AND RELATIONAL ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO IS TRUTH.

1 John 5:6 (KJV) 6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because THE SPIRIT IS TRUTH.

❖ THE SPIRIT OF ERROR

THERE IS A SPIRIT OF ERROR AND A SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

1 Cor 2:12-15 (KJV) 12 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.
1 Cor 2:13 (KJV) 13 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.
1 Cor 2:14 (KJV) 14 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.
1 Cor 2:15 (KJV) 15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO TEST THE SPIRIT OF MAN WHETHER IT BE FROM GOD OR FROM THE WORLD.

1 John 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, BUT TRY THE SPIRITS WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
1 John 4:2 (KJV) 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
1 John 4:3 (KJV) 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.
1 John 4:4 (KJV) 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.
1 John 4:5 (KJV) 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.
1 John 4:6 (KJV) 6 We 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.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Eph 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
Eph 2:2 (KJV) 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, THE SPIRIT THAT NOW WORKETH IN THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE:

- **LIES**

John 8:44 (KJV) 44 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.

- **THE GODHEAD CANNOT LIE**

GOD CANNOT LIE. THEREFORE GOD MUST BECOME OUR ONLY SOURCE OF ABSOLUTE TRUTH

Titus 1:2 (KJV) 2 In hope of eternal life, which God, THAT CANNOT LIE, promised before the world began;

Heb 6:18 (KJV) 18 That by two immutable things, in which IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

THERE IS **NO LIE** IN THE TRUTH OF GOD
1 John 2:21 (KJV) 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and THAT NO LIE IS OF THE TRUTH.

- **ARE WE SEEKING AND PURSUING THE PRESENT TRUTH IN THE SCRIPTURES?**

MANY COME TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUTH OF GOD FROM THE BIBLE AS REVEALED FROM THE GODHEAD; BUT ARE LED AWAY FROM THE TRUTH BY ALLOWING MEN TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE BIBLE.

2 Peter 1:12 (KJV) 12 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, AND BE ESTABLISHED IN THE PRESENT TRUTH.

THOSE WHO LOVE TO **LIE** WILL NOT BE IN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Rev 22:15 (KJV) 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and WHOSOEVER LOVETH AND MAKETH A LIE.

❖ **LIAR**

John 8:44 (KJV) 44 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.

John 8:55 (KJV) 55 Yet ye have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a LIAR like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.
Rom 3:4 (KJV) 4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a LIAR; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

1 John 1:10 (KJV) 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a LIAR, and his word is not in us.

1 John 2:4 (KJV) 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2:22 (KJV) 22 Who is a LIAR but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

1 John 4:20 (KJV) 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a LIAR: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

1 John 5:10 (KJV) 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a LIAR; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

❖ **LIARS**

Psa 116:11 (KJV) 11 I said in my haste, All men are LIARS.

1 Tim 1:10 (KJV) 10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for LIARS, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Tit 1:12 (KJV) 12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are alway LIARS, evil beasts, slow bellies.

Rev 2:2 (KJV) 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them LIARS:

Rev 21:8 (KJV) 8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all LIARS, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

❖ **FALSE**

Prov 6:19 (KJV) 19 A FALSE witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Prov 11:1 (KJV) 1 A FALSE balance is abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight.

Matt 7:15 (KJV) 15 Beware of FALSE prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matt 24:24 (KJV) 24 For there shall arise FALSE Christs, and FALSE prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matt 26:59 (KJV) 59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought FALSE witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

2 Cor 11:13 (KJV) 13 For such are FALSE apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

2 Pet 2:1 (KJV) 1 But there were FALSE prophets also among the people, even as there shall be FALSE teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

1 John 4:1 (KJV) 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many FALSE prophets are gone out into the world.

- **FALSEHOOD**

Job 21:34 (KJV) 34 How then comfort ye me in vain, seeing in your answers there remaineth FALSEHOOD?

Psa 144:8 (KJV) 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of FALSEHOOD.

Isa 59:13 (KJV) 13 In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of FALSEHOOD.

Jer 13:25 (KJV) 25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the Lord; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in FALSEHOOD.

- **SEDUCE**

Mark 13:22 (KJV) 22 For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to SEDUCE, if it were possible, even the elect.

1 John 2:26 (KJV) 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that SEDUCE you.

Rev 2:20 (KJV) 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to SEDUCE my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

❖ **SEDUCED**

2 Kings 21:9 (KJV) 9 But they hearkened not: and Manasseh SEDUCED them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Lord destroyed before the children of Israel.

Eze 13:10 (KJV) 10 Because, even because they have SEDUCED my people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace; and one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered morter:

❖ **SEDUCING**

1 Tim 4:1 (KJV) 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to SEDUCING spirits, and doctrines of devils;

❖ **DECEIVE**

Prov 24:28 (KJV) 28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause; and DECEIVE not with thy lips.

Jer 9:5 (KJV) 5 And they will DECEIVE every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

Jer 29:8 (KJV) 8 For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, DECEIVE you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

Jer 37:9 (KJV) 9 Thus saith the Lord; DECEIVE not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.

Zech 13:4 (KJV) 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; neither shall they wear a rough garment to DECEIVE:

❖ **DECEIVED**

Isa 44:20 (KJV) 20 He feedeth on ashes: a DECEIVED heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

Jer 49:16 (KJV) 16 Thy terribleness hath DECEIVED thee, and the pride of thine heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord.

Eze 14:9 (KJV) 9 And if the prophet be DECEIVED when he hath spoken a thing, I the Lord have DECEIVED that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.

Oba 1:3 (KJV) 3 The pride of thine heart hath DECEIVED thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?
Luke 21:8 (KJV) 8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not DECEIVED: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

1 Cor 6:9 (KJV) 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not DECEIVED: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1 Cor 15:33 (KJV) 33 Be not DECEIVED: evil communications corrupt good manners.

Gal 6:7 (KJV) 7 Be not DECEIVED; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

1 Tim 2:14 (KJV) 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being DECEIVED was in the transgression.
2 Tim 3:13 (KJV) 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Tit 3:3 (KJV) 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, DECEIVED, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Rev 18:23 (KJV) 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations DECEIVED.

Rev 19:20 (KJV) 20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he DECEIVED them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 20:10 (KJV) 10 And the devil that DECEIVED them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

❖ **DECEIVING**

2 Tim 1:13 (KJV) 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, DECEIVING, and being deceived.

Jam 1:22 (KJV) 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, DECEIVING your own selves.

WHAT IS THE DECEPTION AGAINST THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD?

WE MUST GUARD AGAINST THE DECEPTIONS AGAINST THE TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE ELDERS OF THE CHURCH OF GOD IN EPHESUS AGAINST THOSE THAT SHALL ARISE WITHIN THE CHURCH SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS TO DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM

Acts 20:29-31 (KJV) 29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
Acts 20:30 (KJV) 30 ALSO OF YOUR OWN SELVES SHALL MEN ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, TO DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM.

Acts 20:31 (KJV) 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE BRETHREN IN ROME TO MARK THOSE THAT CAUSED DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST AND TO AVOID THEM TO NOT BE DECEIVED.

Rom 16:17-18 (KJV) 17 Now I beseech you, brethren, MARK THEM WHICH CAUSE DIVISIONS AND OFFENCES CONTRARY TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH YE HAVE LEARNED; AND AVOID THEM.
Rom 16:18 (KJV) 18 For 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.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CORINTH TO GUARD AGAINST BEING CORRUPTED BY THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST.

2 Cor 11:3-4 (KJV) 3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, SO YOUR MINDS SHOULD BE CORRUPTED FROM THE SIMPLICITY THAT IS IN CHRIST.
2 Cor 11:4 (KJV) 4 For if he that cometh preacheth ANOTHER JESUS, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive ANOTHER SPIRIT, which ye have not received, or ANOTHER GOSPEL, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN CORINTH AGAINST THE MINISTERS OF SATAN THAT TRANSFORM THEMSELVES AS MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

2 Cor 11:13-15 (KJV) 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, TRANSFORMING THEMSELVES INTO THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST.
2 Cor 11:14 (KJV) 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
2 Cor 11:15 (KJV) 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also BE TRANSFORMED AS THE MINISTERS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; whose end shall be according to their works.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WARNED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN GALATIA AGAINST GIVING HEED TO FALSE BRETHREN SO THAT THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL MIGHT CONTINUE WITH THEM

Gal 2:4-5 (KJV) 4 And that because of FALSE BRETHREN unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:
Gal 2:5 (KJV) 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; THAT THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL MIGHT CONTINUE WITH YOU.

CONCLUSION

- WE ARE BEING LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT ON A JOURNEY INTO ALL THE TRUTH OF GOD WHICH WILL TAKE ETERNITY.
- THE TRUTH OF GOD MUST BE REVEALED BY GOD THE FATHER, JESUS CHRIST AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- THERE IS NO TRUTH WITHIN US – IN OUR FLESH – OUTSIDE OF GOD; THE WORD OF GOD – THE SCRIPTURES, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.