

Buy the Truth and Sell It Not – Proverbs 23:23
They Searched the Scriptures Daily to See If Those Things Were So – Acts 17:11
“Seek and Defend the Truth” - Kaitaia College Motto

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In this world things are either true or untrue.

The Source of truth is God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

All the paths of the **LORD** are mercy and truth.....Psalm 25:10.

Jesus said, “I am the Truth.” John 14:6. **Jesus** said, “I have told you the Truth.” John 8:40,45,46.

Jesus said to The Father, “Your Word (The Word of God) is Truth.” John 17:17.

Jesus said, “If you continue in My Word you will know the truth and the truth.....” John 8:31,32,

The **Holy Spirit** is Truth. 1John 5:6. **He** is the **Spirit of Truth**. John 16:13.

The **anointing** of the **Holy Spirit** is the Truth. 1John 2:27.

The source of untruth and lies is the devil.

Jesus said, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.” John 8:44.

“The whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.” 1John 5:19. (Through satan’s lies and untruth)

“The god of this world has blinded the eyes of those who do not believe”. 2Corinthians 4:4, (by his lies and untruths.)

All of us have a **SOURCE of TRUTH** to make sure that what we believe is in fact the truth.

This SOURCE of TRUTH is the WORD of God, the BIBLE, and is available for 10\$ a copy.

Where we spend eternity depends on our knowing the truth of God’s Word and believing what it says.

All for 10\$! – plus our time and effort to read it, over and over, allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us; and by our believing, declaration and practical obedience to what it says. James 1:21,22,23.

Paul went to Berea and preached the Gospel. Acts 17:10.

The believers of Berea heard Paul’s message. Acts 17:11.

They searched the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul preached was the truth. Acts 17:11.

Moving from believing a lie, to believing the truth, involves changing the way we think!!!

Our thinking has to change from believing the lie to believing the truth. God commands this, Acts 17:30.

This change is called “repentance.” Acts 2:38, Acts 3:19, Acts 26:20.

Repentance occurs as we read the Word of God and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

2Corinthians 3:18, Romans 2:4.

Living the Christian life is a constant process of increasing in the knowledge of the truth, and of getting rid of the lies and untruth of satan.

God knows if we are serious in our Christian life, to know Him more, and if we are choosing to do what He wants. John 7:17.

The steps of genuine faith are:

a. **Full surrender to Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.**

“If Jesus is not LORD of every part of our life, He is not LORD at all.” Luke 6:46, John 14:15, Matthew 7:24.

We must let Jesus rule in every part of our lives. Choose Jesus as Boss. Let Him lead.

b. **Keep abiding in His Word as much as possible.** John 15:7, Colossians 3:16, Psalm 119:9-11.

Make notes of what Jesus says. Grab hold of what He says: believe it, declare it, and act on it. Psalm 1:1-3.

c. **Remain in the fullness of the Holy Spirit all the time.** Luke 11:13, Ephesians 5:18,19, 1John 2:27,

1Corinthians 14:5. The Holy Spirit is our Teacher. John 14:26.

If we do these things, God will reveal truth to us, and we will be able to change your minds where this is necessary, to grow in the knowledge of God, and His will, and His way, and His calling on our lives.

This battle for the truth is illustrated in Genesis Chapter 3, where the “Fall of man into sin” is recorded.

Genesis 3, Verse:

1. **A question that challenged the absolute authority of God’s Word.**
“Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Has God really said?)
4. **A lie that contradicted God’ Word.**
“You will not surely die.”
5. **An accusation that challenged God’s character.**
“God knows that in the day when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God....”
(Satan makes accusation against God’s character: “God wants to keep you from your full potential.”)

At this time there are a number of major deceptions influencing the Body of Christ, the Church.

Sexuality: Acceptance of sexual behaviour that is forbidden by the Word of God. Read: Genesis 18:20,21, Leviticus 18:22,23, Leviticus 20:13, Deuteronomy 23:17, Romans 1:18–32, 1Corinthians 5:1,9,11, 1Corinthians 6:9, Ephesians 5:3-7, 1 Timothy 1:10, Jude 7, Galatians 5:19.

Universal salvation: “Everybody will be saved”, “There is no hell.” “If anyone goes to hell it will not be for long”.
“God loves people too much to send them to hell.”

There are 11 references to “hell” in the first three Gospels; all of them are the words of Jesus.

Matthew 5:22, 29, 30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15, 33, Mark 9:43, 45, 47, Luke 12:5.

The warnings of Jesus to avoid “hell”, are mostly directed towards His own disciples!!!

We must take the warnings of Jesus seriously.

The Greek word for “hell” is “Gehenna”. This is described as “hell fire” in some places.

Mark 9:43, 47, 48, Matthew 18: 8, 9.

There are many references to the suffering and eternal duration of hell. Matthew 5:30, 18:8, 9, Mark 9:43, 47, 48.

Read: Matthew 25:41, 46, where the words “everlasting” and “eternal” are the same Greek word, “aionios”, showing that the duration of “everlasting punishment” and “eternal life” are the same. Aionios is also used in Romans 16:26, (“everlasting God”), Hebrews 9:14, (“eternal Spirit”). And over 60 more references.

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Annihilationism: “Only those who believe in Jesus Christ will survive and live for ever after death; sinners will be totally annihilated after death.” “This life is all there is for the unbeliever, there is nothing after death.” “There will be no eternal punishment in hell.” This is untruth.

But Jesus said, “The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves will hear His (Jesus), voice, and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of condemnation.” John 5:28, 29, Revelation 20:5, 11 – 15.

All persons will be resurrected in a resurrection body before we stand at the Judgment Seat of God.

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God says, “You fool this night your soul will be required of you!” Luke 12:20. “Parable of the Rich Fool.”

In the parable of the “rich man and Lazarus”, Luke 16:11 – 15, the rich man was fully aware of his surroundings in Hades. (Hades is not the same as hell, Gehenna. For difference of Hades and Gehenna see the Chart, page 6, No 29.)

Antinomianism: “There are no laws in the Christian life; we are free from keeping God’s moral law, and we live by God’s grace, mercy and goodness.”

This is untruth.

Read: Romans 3:31, Romans 8:4, 1Corinthians 7:19, 1Corinthians 9:21.

Jesus said, “I do not come to destroy the law but to fulfil the law.....” Matthew 5:17 - 19.

Jesus said, “If you love Me keep My commandments.” John 14:15, 15:14, John 13:34,35, Matthew 7:24, (Romans 13:8,10).

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God’s Sovereign Choice: “God chooses some to be saved, but the rest He chooses to go to eternal hell.”

This is untruth.

In 2Peter 3:9, The Holy Spirit says, “The Lord is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

In 1Timothy 2:3, 4, 6 the Word says, “God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved.” “a ransom for all....”

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