

# Lies and Deception Part 1

## Chapter 10

This morning the Lord woke me early. I started praying why He woke me. I sensed that I should see what was on TV, being Sunday maybe someone was having a good sermon I could watch.

I did turn on TV and a good sermon was on. He was discussing about maturing in Christ and how to do this. He was preaching from Ephesians 4:9 to 32.

EPH 4:9 “(What does "He ascended" mean except that He also descended to the lower, earthly regions? [10] He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) [11] It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, [12] to prepare God's people for works of service, **so that the body of Christ may be built up [13] until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**”

EPH 4:14 “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. [15] **Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ.** [16] From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

EPH 4:17 “So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, **that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,** in the futility of their thinking. [18] They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God **because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.** [19] Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.”

EPH 4:20 “You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] **Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.** [22] You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; [23] to be made new in the attitude of your minds; [24] and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.”

EPH 4:25 “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. [26] "In your anger

do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] **and do not give the devil a foothold.** [28] He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need."

EPH 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. [30] **And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.** [31] Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. [32] Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

It was very good. He was preaching that it takes the whole body of Christ to minister to all of the needed Children of God not just the 5 ministries above, not just the pastor but the whole body of Christ. Everything was great until he started to deal with the cause of no-maturity, which was because of lying and deception. He was correct except in that he did not define what lying and deception was. He tried to elude that it was the opposite of truth, and it is, however, he also did not define what truth is and whose truth it is.

EPH 4:25 "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

If you do not define what it is you are talking about, then the only thing people can do is so use the only definition that they have, which is the definition according to the teachings of the world, which as you know is controlled by the devil.

He is correct in that the beginning of all evil in humans start with the most simple and smallest things. To lie is easy, and it does not seem to have much evil impact in us (because it is so small, it is hard to detect the evilness attached to it). Smallness does not matter to the devil, because the devil is the best fisherman there is, and if he can get the smallest hook and line on you, he can catch you like a fish. And the smallest hook and line is a simple and easy lie, or deception.

I liked the verses used to share this,

EPH 4:14 "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. [15] **Instead, speaking the truth in love,** we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. [16] From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

Here the scripture is indicating that we need to stop being like children listening and following every type of deceptive scheme that the devil is using to keep us away

from God. And one of the “How to’s” is to speak the truth in love that will help us mature. But I believe that this is so powerful and strong only if you fully understand what the real truth is and real love is.

If you use the human definition you will always be deceived and loose. You will never mature because you will always be letting the devil into you because you will still fall into his trap, because the human definition of truth and love is not really the truth, because we are not taught the truth of what is truth and love

## Definition of Truth

So what is the truth about telling the truth? First of all lets look at the dictionary definition of truth.

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1. The true or actual state of a matter: He tried to find out the truth.
2. Conformity with fact or reality; verity: the truth of a statement.
3. A verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like:

mathematical truths.

4. The state or character of being true.
5. Actuality or actual existence.
6. An obvious or accepted fact; truism; platitude.
7. Honesty; integrity; truthfulness.
8. (Often initial capital letter) ideal or fundamental reality apart from and transcending perceived experience: the basic truths of life.
9. Agreement with a standard or original.
10. Accuracy, as of position or adjustment.
11. Archaic. Fidelity or constancy.

—Idiom

12. In truth, in reality; in fact; actually: In truth, moral decay hastened the decline of the Roman Empire.

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[Origin: bef. 900; ME *treuthe*, OE *tréowth* (c. ON *tryggth* faith). See TRUE, -TH<sup>1</sup>]

—Related forms

truthless, adjective

truth·less·ness, noun

—Synonyms 1. Fact. 2. veracity. 7. sincerity, candor, frankness. 10. precision, exactness.

—Antonyms 1. Falsehood. 2, 4, 7. falsity.

To me this does not really tell me what truth means or what it is to be truthful, however, number 8 and 12 above gets close:

(Often initial capital letter) ideal or fundamental reality apart from and transcending perceived experience: the basic truths of life.

In truth, in reality; in fact; actually: In truth, moral decay hastened the decline of the Roman Empire.

And that is the basic truths of life. Whose life and what life is it talking about. We know it means the life according to the ways of the world. Life according to the world, not God. Lies controlling the ways of the world was first given when the serpent lied to Adam and Eve in Genesis 2:15, 16, and 17. According to this dictionary definition the devil was not lying and the Lord was, since the devil controls the basic truths of life. Here lies the problem. We are being lied to about what the truth is. God's truth or the truth according to the world. This is what is bothering me. It is good to teach the young children of God the how to do things, but you must teach them by the definition of God and not using the worldly understanding to teach the children of God thing of the Lord,

because then you are using corrupted words to teach them things of God. He did not do that, and then you have

MT 12:43 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. [44] Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. [45] Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first. That is how it will be with this wicked generation."

You can drive out the evil spirit, but because you are using corrupted words, when the evil spirit comes back, the house is still empty and the corrupted words allow the evil spirits back in with 7 more than before.

And number 12. "In truth, in reality; in fact; actually: In truth, moral decay hastened the decline of the Roman Empire."

Moral decay. What is this? It is when the general attitudes of people become evil like Sodom and Gomorrah. God destroyed them because of their moral decay, for their attitude was that doing evil and was alright with them, which was in fact good according to the false gods that they worshiped.

Truth is not based on majority opinion, but on the way that the creator of this world made it to be. Hence their total destruction; their majority opinion lost out to the creator.

The truth that God is speaking here, is the truth according to God not the world.

EPH 4:20 "You, however, did not come to know Christ that way. [21] Surely you heard of Him and were taught in Him **in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus.**

The truth that we must speak to our neighbors and brother and sisters is the truth that is in Jesus, not the world. Be in the world but not of the world.

RO 12:1 "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. [2] **Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will."

So before you start speaking to one another, the mature thing is to first find out what the truth of life is, life according to the way God does thing, the truth according to God; to follow God's main command, "Seek first the Kingdom of God". Not just being right according to the world or trying to be the most honest but the truth according to God. Jesus never lied, Jesus always told the truth according to the way God created thing.

The world says that omitting things in your conversation is the same as lying, but why, according to who the world? Jesus left out lots of things, Jesus did not always answered all things fully according to what they wanted, for they could not understand them for one thing and for another they were just trying to get Jesus to blasphemy according to the world definition. If Jesus answered all questions according to the questions asked Him, then they would have had grounds to kill Him. For example, it was blasphemy for Him to say that He was the Son of God, even though it was true. But according to the world's definition of lies or deception, by Jesus not telling what He knew was to be true, that He is the Son of God, He was lying and being deceptive, and therefore evil. But He was not, He told the truth according to God's definition. You are not obligated to tell everything in your conversation, you are not obligated to appease the devil and give him a foothold. So He always answered according to the will of God our Father.

MT 21:43 "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. [44] He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed."

MT 21:45 "When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew He was talking about them. [46] **They looked for a way to arrest Him**, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that He was a prophet."

MK 12:13 "**Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch Him in His words.** [14] They came to Him and said, "Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? [15] Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" He asked. "Bring Me a denarius and let Me look at it." [16] They brought the coin, and He asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied."

MK 12:17 "Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at Him.

JN 16:1 "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. [2] They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. [3] They will do such things because they have not known the Father or Me. [4] I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you."

Jesus admits that He did not tell them at first, so did He lie. He omitted things in His discussion. According to the world definition, He has lied.

EPH 4:25 "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. [26] "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, [27] **and do not give the devil a foothold.**

MT 11:20 "Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent. [21] "Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. [22] But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you. [23] And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. [24] But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

MT 11:25 "At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, **because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned,** and revealed them to little children. [26] Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

MT 11:27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him."

Here Jesus is saying that God has hidden many truths from the learned and wise, but is that not lying or deceiving. Is God deceiving those who are supposed to be His priests, and therefore lying, but God cannot lie. So what is it? Lets look some more.

MT 13:34 "Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; He did not say anything to them without using a parable. [35] So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open My mouth in parables,  
I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

LK 9:41 "O unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

LK 9:42 "Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. [43] And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.

While everyone was marveling at all that Jesus did, He said to His disciples, [44] "Listen carefully to what I am about to tell you: The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men." [45] But they did not understand

what this meant. **It was hidden from them**, so that they did not grasp it, and they were afraid to ask Him about it."

LK 18:31 "Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. [32] He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him, insult Him, spit on Him, flog Him and kill Him. [33] On the third day He will rise again."

LK 18:34 "The disciples did not understand any of this. **Its meaning was hidden** from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

RO 16:25 "Now to Him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, **according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past**, [26] but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey Him-- [27] to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen."

1CO 2:1 "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. [2] For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. [3] I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. [4] My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, [5] so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power."

1CO 2:6 "We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. [7] **No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.** [8] None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. [9] However, as it is written:

"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him"--

1CO 2:10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. [11] For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. [12] **We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.** [13] This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, **expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.** [14] The man without the Spirit



does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. [15] The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1CO 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

EPH 3:7 "I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power. [8] Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, [9] and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, **which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.** [10] His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, [11] according to his eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. [12] **In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.** [13] I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory."

**Lets look at one more major scripture that I believe will answer this question as to where God is a deceiver.**

MT 13:1 "That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. [2] Such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. [3] Then He told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. [4] As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. [5] Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. [6] But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. [7] Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. [8] Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. [9] He who has ears, let him hear."

MT 13:10 "The disciples came to Him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

He did not speak directly, and truthfully, according to the world, but spoke in parables, which are hidden truths, so in hiding them is He lying?

MT 13:11 "He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. [12] Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has

will be taken from him. [13] This is why I speak to them in parables: (Prophesied by Isaiah, in chp. 6)

"Though seeing, they do not see;  
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

MT 13:14 "In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:  
" `You will be ever hearing but never understanding;  
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

MT 13:15 "For this people's heart has become calloused;  
they hardly hear with their ears,  
and they have closed their eyes.  
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,  
hear with their ears,  
understand with their hearts  
and turn, and I would heal them.'

MT 13:16 "But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. [17] For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

As we have been talking, God will not have any evil person or thing in heaven. If He did tell the truth to those evil people, selfishness would drive them to say anything to be saved, but they would never be meaning Godliness, but evilness.

Lets look at a couple of simple true examples.

You are in the small store, and the robber comes in. He tells you to tell the truth and tell him where the money is. What do you say? In the past either way they tell him, he ends up killing them, so what do you say? If you say I do not know, you are lying, if you do anything other then tell him exactly what he asked for you are lying, according to the world.

Next you are trying to give a surprise birthday party for you spouse. And as you are doing it, your spouse starts asking you questions trying to figure out what you are up to. Do you hid the truth, omit the full story of the truth or to you tell your spouse something that is the truth but leaving out the surprise part. All according to the world is a lie and evil deception.

What you decide to tell or not to tell is your business not the other persons, or the devils. One of the best ways to answer people is to be like Jesus and is to listen to the Holy Spirit and allow God to answer it for you. Falsehood and deceptions and lies come from selfish desires/attitudes and evil spirits. If you desire and attitude is to follow God and obey Him, then listen to the small still voice and speak what He gives you, then according to the world, you are lying but you are speaking the truth according to God.

## When are you Speaking a Lie?

Where does all sin come from? All sin comes from your own selfish desires! Selfish desires open your windows to evil spirits. See window control in Understanding the Kingdom of God Volume 3 Chapter 4.6.

When your windows are open and you have allowed evil spirits in your heart, they then have a foothold on you and can easily control you and then no matter what you say it is a lie along with other sins. But as you lie, you open other windows to more evil spirits to live in you and not it is very hard to stop.

When you speak according to the truth of God, you will never sin and lie. But whenever you speak the truth according to the world you are always lying and whenever you speak according to your selfish desires, you are always sinning. You are not speaking in faith, which is to believe God, Trust God and according to the obedience to God.

RO 14:22 “So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. [23] But the man who has doubts is condemned if he eats (by his actions), because his eating is not from faith; **and everything that does not come from faith is sin.**”

If you are speaking what you sincerely believe is from being obedient to God and you have faith that it is of the Kingdom of God, then you are not sinning in whatever you say. But if in your heart you know that you are trying to deceive someone, or acting according to the evil spirit that is in you, then you are sinning and lying no matter what you say or do.

For example, when fellowshiping with some shipmates, we hit some ruff weather and because it was disrupting us, many of the guys started saying “Praise the Lord” with the attitude of God’s will be done, accepting that God wanted it to rain and that was ok with them.

But then some others were also saying, “Praise the Lord” and “Praise the Lord, anyway”. Now these guys were pissed and mad for being interrupted and getting wet. They were not really praising the Lord but rather they were cursing the Lord. They were saying it with an selfish attitude and anger spirit. They did not want God’s will be done, but rather their will be done. They were lying, even though they were using Godly words. It is not the words necessarily that God cares about but the attitude of the heart and the spirit behind the words. They were being deceptive and lying. What is the truth here?

**It is the attitude and the spirit behind your words and actions that tell whether it is the truth or a lie.**

The next part that we are discussing is

EPH 4:14 "Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. [15] **Instead, speaking the truth in love**, we will in all things grow up into Him who is the Head, that is, Christ. [16] From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

The key is speaking the truth in love.

Well the most important part of this is Love. But again how do we define love? Well the world says that love is a feeling. But God says that it is an attitude. He says the truth in love, meaning the telling the truth with the attitude of love, or acting out of the attitude of love. See 1 Corinthians 13. See God's love below.

The point is that if you are acting out of the attitude of love, then you are being self-less and not selfish. For the attitude of love is giving, giving yourself to and for others.

JN 15:9 "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Now remain in My love. [10] If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. [11] I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. [12] My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. [13] **Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.** [14] You are My friends if you do what I command. [15] I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. [16] You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. [17] This is My command: Love each other."

Is laying down your life for a friend, a feeling? No it is an attitude, and attitude of Christ, being like Jesus, this is what and why He did it. He was righteous; He was obedient to God, even unto death. He has the attitude of love.

So if you are trying to be obedient to God and act out of the attitude of Love, and you do it out of faith, with the understanding of the Kingdom of God, then what you speak will not be lies.

This is fulfilling the scriptures,

LK 12:8 "I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. [9] But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. [10] And

everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.

LK 12:11 "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, [12] **for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.**"

1TH 2:1 "You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. [2] We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you His gospel in spite of strong opposition. [3] For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. [4] On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. **We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts.** [5] You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed--God is our witness. [6] We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else.

As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, [7] but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. [8] We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. [9] Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you."

1PE 3:13 "Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? [14] But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." [15] But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, [16] keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.** [17] It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. [18] For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, [19] through whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison [20] who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, [21] and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, [22] who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

1JN 4:4 "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. [5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. [6] **We are from God, and whoever knows God**

**listens to us**; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. **This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.**

1PE 4:7 “The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. [8] Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. [9] Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. [10] Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. [11] **If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.** To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

2TI 3:10 “You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, [11] persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. [12] In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, [13] **while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.** [14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, [15] and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

If you are always seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, then you are always seeking His truth and you are always seeking out how to be obedient, which means that you are always seeking for the Holy Spirit to teach you what to say, for you are always being brought before the synagogues, rulers, and authorities, and this means that it is everyone you speak to. If you are a true disciple of Jesus, you are always making yourself lower than everyone else; therefore, they always have authority over you.

Finally it is a lie or deception when you intend to lie or deception, because as Galatians 5 says, the reward for acting by the evil spirit is you will receive the feeling of your evil action. You can tell in your heart when you are lying or trying to deceive someone—this is when the feelings come in and where He says that if your heart does not condemn you, then you know you are being obedient and righteous.

1JN 3:16 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. [17] If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? [18] Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. [19] **This then is how we know that we belong to the truth,** and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence [20]

whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.”

1JN 3:21 “Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God [22] and receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him. [23] And this is His command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us. [24] Those who obey His commands live in him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us.”

This is the new, pure and clean Spirit that He gives us when we are “Born again”. All of this is an attitude. We cannot obey His commands if we do not have the attitude of Christ, or the mind of Christ.

Continued in Part 2.

