

LOVE OF THE TRUTH

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2 Thes. 2:3-13 let no man deceive you by any means
 9 working of Satan -- power, signs, lying wonders
 10 deceivableness -- because they received not the
 LOVE OF THE TRUTH that they might be saved
 11 strong delusion that they should believe a lie
 12 damned who believe not the truth
 13 sanctified -- Spirit and belief of the truth

What is the truth?

- a. a special set of doctrines -- only
 - b. a way of life
 - c. that which is true
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1. A SPECIAL SET OF DOCTRINES -- ONLY

Exod. 20:1 God said
 2 because I brought you out of Egypt
 3-17 listing of 10 expectations

2. A WAY OF LIFE

Matt. 19:16 someone asked -- Good Master, what good thing
 shall I do that I may have eternal life?
 17 Jesus replied -- why do you call Me good?
there is none good, but God
 He continued -- if you will enter into life,
 keep the commandments
 18-19 the man asked -- which?
 Jesus mentioned some of the 10 commandments
 20 the young man said -- I have kept these from my
 youth -- what else do I lack?
 21 Jesus answered -- go sell what you have and
give to the poor
Mark 7:1 Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem
 2-4 they had their traditions
 5 they asked Jesus -- why don't Your disciples
 follow the traditions of the elders?
 6-13 Jesus' reply
John 8:2 Jesus went to the temple
 3-6 scribes and Pharisees brought a sinner to Him --
 tempt Him

7-9 He wrote on the ground
10-11 He talked to the woman

3. THAT WHICH IS TRUE

* Remember the nature of God

Titus 1:2 God, that cannot lie
Heb. 6:17-18 promise and oath -- impossible for God to lie
1 Kings 22:19-23 God "put" a lying spirit -- God allowed

* Remember the nature of Satan

John 8:44 Satan = the father of lies
45-46 Christ told the truth -- they did not believe
John 10:10 steal -- kill -- destroy
Rev. 12:10 the accuser of the brethren

* Truth is stronger than illusions

Jer. 6:13-14 reality > illusion of "peace"
Ezek. 13:10-16 reality > seduction of "peace"
2 Cor. 4:2 truth > craftiness & deceit
Eph. 4:14 sound doctrine > every wind of doctrine
maturity > sleight of hand & cunning craftiness
Rev. 3:17-19 repentance > living in an illusion
Luke 18:9-14 repentance > religious appearance

* Truth is stronger than other miracles

Eph. 1:17-18 reminder = revelation is also a miracle
Luke 16:27-31 understanding scripture > physical resurrection
John 12:37-40 understanding truth > witnessing miracles
Acts 1:15 120 disciples > thousands who saw miracles
Matt. 24:24 future miracles -- deceive the very elect?
Mark 13:22 future miracles -- seduce the elect?
Rev. 13:13-15 deception through miracles
Matt. 4:3-7 following God > accepting Satan's miracles
Matt. 7:22-23 relationship with Christ > miracles

* Examples of powerful truth

John 17:17,19 disciples sanctified through the truth
John 18:28-37 Christ's purpose = bear witness unto the truth
1 John 4:1-3 to "try" the spirits > accepting antichrist
evaluating with truth > blindly accepting
Acts 16:16-18 name of Christ > evil spirit
Eph. 6:11-17 armor of God > wiles of the devil
2 Thes. 2:9-10 love of truth > the working of Satan