

1 John 2 - Truth, Error and the Holy Spirit

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Acts 20:26–31

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27 For I **HAVE NOT SHUNNED TO DECLARE UNTO YOU ALL THE COUNSEL OF GOD.**

28 **TAKE HEED THEREFORE UNTO YOURSELVES, AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, OVER THE WHICH THE HOLY GHOST HATH MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO FEED THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.**

29 **FOR I KNOW THIS, THAT AFTER MY DEPARTING SHALL GRIEVOUS WOLVES ENTER IN AMONG YOU, NOT SPARING THE FLOCK.**

30 **ALSO OF YOUR OWN SELVES SHALL MEN ARISE, SPEAKING PERVERSE THINGS, TO DRAW AWAY DISCIPLES AFTER THEM.**

31 **THEREFORE WATCH, AND REMEMBER, THAT BY THE SPACE OF THREE YEARS I CEASED NOT TO WARN EVERY ONE NIGHT AND DAY WITH TEARS.**

1 John 2:18–29

18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **EVEN NOW ARE THERE MANY ANTICHRISTS;** whereby we know that it is the last time.

19 **THEY WENT OUT FROM US,** but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

WHO WILL BE DECEIVED?

1. **the IMPURE** - *those with unsundered, lustful, carnal hearts which can be baited*
2. **the DECEITFUL** - *those with a religious facade, hiding what is within, living in the darkness where every evil work will manifest*
3. **the DISTRACTED** - *those distracted with legalism, controversies, superstition, debates, religious dogma, witch hunts, etc. taking them away from mainstream, sound, Biblical doctrine of holiness*
4. **the DETACHED** - *those who do not have a healthy, growing communion with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit*

1 John 2:24–28

24 **LET THAT THEREFORE ABIDE IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING.** If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, **YE ALSO SHALL CONTINUE IN THE SON, AND IN THE FATHER.**

25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

26 **THESE THINGS HAVE I WRITTEN UNTO YOU CONCERNING THEM THAT SEDUCE YOU.**

27 **BUT THE ANOINTING WHICH YE HAVE RECEIVED OF HIM ABIDETH IN YOU, AND YE NEED NOT THAT ANY MAN TEACH YOU: BUT AS THE SAME ANOINTING TEACHETH YOU OF ALL THINGS, AND IS TRUTH, AND IS NO LIE, AND EVEN AS IT HATH TAUGHT YOU, YE SHALL ABIDE IN HIM.**

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

The anointing is the combined ministry of the Word of God and Holy Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:1-3

1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some others, epistles of commendation to you, or letters of commendation from you?

2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:

3 Forasmuch as **YE ARE MANIFESTLY DECLARED TO BE THE EPISTLE OF CHRIST MINISTERED BY US, WRITTEN** (*engrapho - engrave, inscribe, write in*) **NOT WITH INK, BUT WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD; NOT IN TABLES OF STONE, BUT IN FLESHY TABLES OF THE HEART.**

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 **BUT GOD HATH REVEALED THEM UNTO US BY HIS SPIRIT: FOR THE SPIRIT SEARCHETH ALL THINGS, YEA, THE DEEP THINGS OF GOD.**

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? **EVEN SO THE THINGS OF GOD KNOWETH NO MAN, BUT THE SPIRIT OF GOD.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.**

Jeremiah 31:33-34

33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, **I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE** (*inscribe, engrave, write in*) **IT IN THEIR HEARTS;** And will be their God, And they shall be my people.

34 **AND THEY SHALL TEACH NO MORE EVERY MAN HIS NEIGHBOUR, AND EVERY MAN HIS BROTHER, SAYING, KNOW THE LORD: FOR THEY SHALL ALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM UNTO THE GREATEST OF THEM, SAITH THE LORD:** For I will forgive their iniquity, And I will remember their sin no more.

James 1:18

"OF HIS OWN WILL BEGAT (*give birth to, give rise to*) HE US WITH THE WORD OF TRUTH, THAT WE SHOULD BE A KIND OF FIRSTFRUITS (*offering to God, to offer firstfruits*) OF HIS CREATURES."

James 1:21

"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **RECEIVE WITH MEEKNESS THE ENGRAFTED** (*to implant, establish in, rooted in*) WORD, WHICH IS ABLE TO SAVE (*sozo - bring safely, make whole, heal, save, deliver, heal*) YOUR SOULS."

John 16:12-15

12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13 **HOWBEIT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE** (*to be a guide, to show the way*) YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: FOR HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF; BUT WHATSOEVER HE SHALL HEAR, THAT SHALL HE SPEAK: AND HE WILL SHEW (*announce, make known, rehearse*) YOU THINGS TO COME.

14 **HE SHALL GLORIFY ME: FOR HE SHALL RECEIVE OF MINE, AND SHALL SHEW IT UNTO YOU.**

15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;

6 **WHO ALSO HATH MADE US ABLE MINISTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT; NOT OF THE LETTER, BUT OF THE SPIRIT: FOR THE LETTER KILLETH, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVETH LIFE.**

- **The LETTER OF THE LAW is trying to fulfill the law without the Spirit and heart of God.**
 - *the intent and application is often misunderstood and distorted*
 - *the law brings judgment and condemnation because it is impossible to keep*
- **The SPIRIT OF THE LAW is fulfilling the law with the Spirit and heart of God.**
 - *we understand and apply the law accurately with God's original heart intent*
 - *the Spirit of God empowers us to keep the righteousness of the law producing life and peace*

When we try to coerce or force someone to live by the Word or law of God, without the initiation, preparation and life by the Spirit of God, we are forcing them to live under the letter of the law, to fulfill the law by self-discipline or will-power. People have to come to that moment of decision on their own, no one can make that decision for them, no one can transform and equip their heart for obedience like the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we lead by example to inspire, not legislate.

John 6:63

"IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH; THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING: THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK

UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE."

Romans 8:2

"FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS HATH MADE ME FREE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH."

Romans 2:28–29

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he is a Jew, **WHICH IS ONE INWARDLY; AND CIRCUMCISION IS THAT OF THE HEART, IN THE SPIRIT, AND NOT IN THE LETTER**; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

7 But if the **MINISTRATION OF DEATH, WRITTEN AND ENGRAVEN IN STONES**, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:

8 **HOW SHALL NOT THE MINISTRATION (*diakonia - service, ministry*) OF THE SPIRIT BE RATHER GLORIOUS?**

9 **FOR IF THE MINISTRATION OF CONDEMNATION BE GLORY, MUCH MORE DOTH THE MINISTRATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS EXCEED IN GLORY.**

10 **FOR EVEN THAT WHICH WAS MADE GLORIOUS HAD NO GLORY IN THIS RESPECT, BY REASON OF THE GLORY THAT EXCELLETH.**

11 For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.

12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

17 **NOW THE LORD IS THAT SPIRIT: AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY.**

18 **BUT WE ALL, WITH OPEN FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A GLASS THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE CHANGED (*metamorphoo - being transformed into, transfigured*) INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, EVEN AS BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.**

Romans 12:2

"And be not conformed to this world: but **BE YE TRANSFORMED** (*metamorphoo - transfigure, to transform the essential nature, change into another form*) **BY THE RENEWING** (*to make new again, re-establishing something like-new and improved*) **OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT, WILL OF GOD."**