

WALKING IN TRUTH BY FAITH
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3 JOHN 3-4 – Did Jesus come? Did He do what He came to do? Did He defeat Satan? Did He overcome death, hell and the grave? Is He exalted at the right hand of God as our High Priest, Mediator, Advocate, Intercessor, and Surety of the New Covenant? Has He made salvation available? Did He come just to save us, meet our needs and take us to Heaven? No, He came to save us, make us His temple, fill us with His love, power and Spirit, and to transform our lives into vessels to be used for His glory. He came to make us ambassadors, so we can win the world for Him. He came full of grace and truth so He can testify to the truth so we can walk in truth.
JOHN 18:37-38 (NLT)

DECEPTION OR TRUTH - 2 CORINTHIANS 11:3 (NLT)

1. Deception – To deceive means to present as truth that which is a lie. **GENESIS 3:4-5** Satan first deceived some angels – they bought the lie. He then deceived Eve, who stepped beyond the boundaries of truth and exalted the deceiver’s word above God’s. Jesus said Satan is the source and originator of the lie.
JOHN 8:44 His job is to deceive. **REVELATION 12:9, 20:1-3** Eve put off the image of God and put on the image of the enemy. It wasn’t long before man so reflected the image of Satan that God had to bring the flood.
2. Truth means the quality or state of being true. **JOHN 1:14** Jesus came full of grace and truth. He came to reveal the truth about God. **JOHN 17:17** God’s Word is truth, or ultimate reality. Jesus is the originator and source of truth. **REVELATION 19:11**
 - A. **1 TIMOTHY 2:4** – We can’t walk in truth if we don’t know it.
 - B. **JOHN 8:31-32** – We must know the truth to be free from deception.
 - C. **JOHN 16:13** – We need guidance that comes from the Spirit of truth.

INWARD MAN VS OUTWARD MAN

- **GALATIANS 5:16-17** – Once saved, the war begins.
- **ROMANS 8:1- 2** – The outward man is under the law of sin and death, but the inward man is under the law of the spirit of life.
- **ROMANS 8:3-4 (AMP)** – Jesus dealt with sin in the flesh to make it possible for us to walk according to the dictates of the spirit.
- **ROMANS 8:5-8** – The battle is for the mind. Control the mind, control the life.
- **2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5** – We must have the knowledge of God in order to fight the good fight of faith.

STOP BEING DECEIVED – JAMES 1:16-21 (ESV)

1. **JAMES 1:13** – Reveals the lie used to deceive. The truth is God’s not the problem, He’s the problem solver.
2. **2 CORINTHIANS 5:21** – The lie is that we are forgiven sinners not righteousness saints.
 - A. **JOHN 3:17** – Satan has used the message that believers are forgiven sinners to get us to focus on our faults and failures. The goal is to control us by using guilt, shame and condemnation.
 - B. **LUKE 19:9-10** – Zacchaeus wasn’t just a sinner; he was a lost son. The cross doesn’t just expose our sin, it exposes our value, worth and potential. Jesus nailed our sin to His cross and set us free.
 - C. **1 JOHN 3:1-2** – Lost relationship restored.
 - D. **1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-2** – Now we are sons and saints.

CONCLUSION:

We walk in truth by faith. **PHILEMON 6** We confess every good thing we are and have in Christ and refuse to see ourselves in the flesh. **1 TIMOTHY 6:12**