

THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT... Preparing for the End

For as he (or, a man) thinks within himself, so he is.
Proverbs 23:7

THE BATTLE GROUND FOR US IS IN OUR MINDS:

First, the nature of our Enemy:

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

Next, the nature of the battleground:

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not (what) war (how) according to the flesh, (why) for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for (what) the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying (defined as) speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking (what) every thought captive to (what) the obedience of Christ.
2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed (how) by the renewing of your mind, (why) so that you may prove what the will of God is, (described as) that which is (1) good and (2) acceptable and (3) perfect.
Romans 12:1-2

Finally, the result of losing the battle:

Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when (1) he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, (2) it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, (3) it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.
James 1:13-16

QUESTION: SO, WHAT IS TRUTH?

I recognize that there is only one true and living God (Ex. 20:2-3) who exists as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and that He is worthy of all honor, praise, and glory as Creator, Sustainer, and Beginning and End of all things (Rev. 4:11; 5:9-10; Isa. 43:1,7,21).

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.”
Exodus 20:2-3

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created.”
Revelation 4:11

And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”
Revelation 5:9-10

I recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:1,14). I believe that He came to destroy the works of Satan (1 John 3:8), that He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public display of them, having triumphed over them (Col. 2:15).

I believe that God has proven His love for me because when I was still a sinner, Christ died for me (Rom. 5:8). I believe that He delivered me from the domain of darkness and transferred me to His kingdom, and in Him I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:13-14).

I believe that I am now a child of God (1 John 3:1-3) and that I am seated with Christ in the heavenlies (Eph. 2:6). I believe that I was saved by the grace of God through faith, that it was a gift and not the result of any work on my part (Eph. 2:8).

I choose to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might (Eph. 6:10). I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil. 3:3) for the weapons of warfare are not of the flesh (2 Cor. 10:4). I put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:10-20), and I resolve to stand firm in my faith and resist the evil one.

I believe that apart from Christ I can do nothing (John 15:5), so I declare myself dependent on Him. I choose to abide in Christ in order to bear much fruit and glorify the Lord (John 15:8). I announce to Satan that Jesus is my Lord (1 Cor. 12:3), and I reject any counterfeit gifts or work of Satan in my life.

I believe that the truth will set me free (John 8:32) and that walking in the light is the only path of fellowship (1 John 1:7). Therefore, I stand against Satan's deception by taking every thought captive in obedience to Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). I declare that the Bible is the only authoritative standard (2 Tim. 3:15-16). I choose to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

I choose to present my body as an instrument of righteousness, a living and holy sacrifice, and I renew my mind by the living Word of God in order that I may prove that the will of God is good, acceptable, and perfect (Rom. 6:13; 12:1-2). I put off the old self with its evil practices and put on the new self (Col. 3:9-10), and I declare myself to be a new creature in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

I ask my Heavenly Father to fill me with Your Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18), lead me into all truth (John 16:13), and empower my life that I may live above sin and not carry out the desires of the flesh (Gal. 5:16). I crucify the flesh (Gal. 5:24) and choose to walk by the Spirit.

I renounce all selfish goals and choose the ultimate goal of love (1 Tim. 1:5). I choose to obey the two greatest commandments, to love the Lord my God with all my heart, soul, and mind, and to love my neighbor as myself (Matt. 22:37-39).

I believe that Jesus has all authority in heaven and on earth (Matt. 28:18) and that He is head over all rule and authority (Col. 2:10). I believe that Satan and his demons are subject to me in Christ since I am a member of Christ's body (Eph. 1:19-23). Therefore, I obey the command to submit to God and to resist the devil (James 4:7), and I command Satan in the name of Jesus to leave my presence.