

General Topics :: What is a lie?**What is a lie? - posted by Warrior4Jah (), on: 2007/5/4 8:37**

A while back I was wondering about 'lies'.

We all know we should not lie or bend the truth if we want to follow the Lord.

In John 8:44 it is even stated that the devil is the father of all lies. So we should not want to walk in lies. Now I was wondering about the following:

How about if someone was accused for something and you step in and take the blame, telling that you did it? In short; can you lie to save someones neck or life? Or can one not lie at all?

I'll add in another example, borrowed from the 'how strong is your faith' topic.

In 2 kings 6:19 It seems that Elisha says something which is not true, was he telling a lie for Gods glory?

Thanks for reading!

Re: What is a lie? - posted by enid, on: 2007/5/4 9:12

A lie for God's glory?

Don't know if we should put it that way, but it looks like it. Or does it?

The Syrians wanted to go to Dothan, vs 13, but after being blinded, which only God could have done in answer to Elisha's prayer, he led them to Samaria, to where, apparently, the king of Israel was, vs 21.

There are instances of lies and deception in the Bible that we do question, but seem to be not wrong in God's eyes.

For instance, Rahab hiding the spies and saying they had left the city, Josh 2.

The old prophet that lied to the man of God, and yet after he lied, he prophesied of the man's death which came to pass, 1 Kings 13.

Jehu acted deceptively in calling together the worshippers of Baal in order to destroy them, 2 Kings 10.

I doubt we will ever understand the way in which God deals with us, even when it seems to go against what He commands.

Who has known the mind of the Lord or who has become His counsellor?

Others will contribute to the discussion and maybe we will get somewhere.

That's all I have for now.

God bless.

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 9:20

Christians in Germany during WWII who were hiding Jews lied to the authorities. As enid pointed out, there seems to be a precedence set in scripture where this type of "dishonesty" is acceptable.

The question comes in... where do we draw the line?

When I was in the Marines I remember interrogating Iraqi soldiers who had surrendered to our unit, and being deceitful in our questioning in order to get them to give us information. Now, I wasn't saved at the time, but we did what we did in order to save lives, not destroy them. (depending on your perspective)

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Of course, there are those here who think it a sin to even be in the military... but I think you can see what the point is I'm trying to get to here.

I think in regards to this question, one must seek out the Holy Spirit and be convinced in his/her own heart what is the right thing to do. When faced with a situation where deceit may be a viable option, the Holy Spirit will let the child of God know what to do.

I do know one thing for sure... deceit used for selfish gain is never right.

Krispy

Re: - posted by butGod, on: 2007/5/4 9:41

I don't think lying to cover up your sin is acceptable.

People in denial might use the excuse that it is for God's glory to cover up sin. In fact, you are lying even more.

Re: What is a lie? - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/4 9:46

Quick thought ...

Withholding the truth need not be understood as a lie.

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Mar 11:32 But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.

Mar 11:33 And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 10:06

Good point, Mike. You're on a roll this morning.

Krispy

Re: - posted by suddenly, on: 2007/5/4 10:15

Withholding information is not the same as lying.

God ask us to watch our tongue, not ask us to lie.

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Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2007/5/4 10:35

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How does that apply to hiding Jews from Nazis, etc? I'm glad that I am not required to have to apply an answer to that, i

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in my present situation. I do know that withholding information, without hiding the fact, has a price tag attached to it the fear finds hard to tolerate. The ultimate question is, who are we protecting by our deception? If self, then it is definitely sin. However, if another, is it done in the spirit of benevolence, or will we be indirectly gaining from it?

I strongly believe that everything comes back to motivation (which we need to be honest to ourselves about). However, as always, we must remember that "mercy triumphs over judgement". Don't forget that Jesus cited an illustration to the Pharisees, that involved David lying when he said "Go and learn what this means, 'I will have mercy, not sacrifice'."

There is never a need to lower the standard, only to raise the Cross.

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...an example of withholding the truth, without hiding it. In other words, the hearer knows that they don't have all the facts. This is honest. However, to withhold the fact that your withholding (anyone else's head spinning :-P) is deceptive, because it creates a different impression to what the truth is. Acting on the former, one is always mindful of the fact that there is something that is unknown. Acting on the latter, assumptions can be wrongly made that all is known, when it isn't.

Again I say, "Thou shall not bear false witness".

Re: What is a lie? - posted by PassingThru, on: 2007/5/4 10:53

The most troubling passage on lying in the Bible to me is this one :-

2Ch 18:19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spoke saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

2Ch 18:20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

2Ch 18:21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. **And the LORD said,** Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: **go out, and do even so.**

2Ch 18:22 Now therefore, behold, **the LORD hath put a lying spirit** in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

The passage doesn't say God lied, but obviously he used a spirit that did to achieve his purpose. Even the vilest creatures will bring glory to God in the end.

Jesus never used a lie, although He did resort to cryptic answers which were obviously going to be misinterpreted by his hearers. (Tear this temple down...)

Perhaps the accounts of lying men of God simply show their human weakness. It doesn't say God endorsed it, even if he didn't rebuke it then and there.

PassingThru

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 11:04

Quote:

-----are we here trying to compromise a sin?

No, we're not at all.

Let me ask you, Suddenly... if you were hiding Jews in your attic in Nazi Germany, and the SS troops came to your door and asked you, "Yes or no... are you hiding Jews anywhere on your property?" ...what would you do?

Would you consider it a sin to say "no"?

Krispy

Re: - posted by beenblake (), on: 2007/5/4 11:23

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I was just about to write this very thing when I saw you had already done so.

Something I would like to point out is that bearing false witness has two implications. 1) If we have witnessed something and say something different than what we have witnessed. 2) If we have not witnessed something at all, and yet give a witness as though we have seen it.

In regards to the law, there is something that we must remember that applies to all laws. This is central to Christianity. A aron touched on this by saying that it depends on our motivation.

The law was given to humanity, not to control us, but to help us. The law was given to show us our sin. If we were perfect, we would have obeyed the law naturally. As such, the law would have been pointless. If everyone obeyed the law precisely, then we would not have to write down and command it. However, the Lord did write it and command it because He knew we would break it.

This becomes apparent in the example of the Sabbath. When accused of breaking the Sabbath, Jesus said in Mark 2:27 "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

Humanity was created for God. From the beginning, we were created to worship God and love God. This means that the law was not given to control us because we were supposed to be controlled by the Spirit.

When it comes to the law, in order to obey it, humanity must first interpret it. Obviously, when God gave the law, He had a certain purpose or meaning behind it. The purpose of the Sabbath was to provide a day of rest where we could delight in the Lord. However, this good purpose of God could be used for evil. The Pharisees took the law to be black and white. The Law says do not work on the Sabbath, and so, under no conditions is a person to work on the Sabbath. Such an interpretation disregards God's original intention.

This is where the law fails humanity. The law cannot change the sinful nature in us. Yes, the law said do not work on the Sabbath. But this was for God's good purpose. However, because man is sinful and evil, we took this good purpose and twisted it for our own sinful nature. As such, the Pharisees used it to accuse Jesus of sin. They used the law, which was

good, and twisted it for their own evil purposes.

As human beings, we lack the ability to fully interpret the law, especially when we are far from God. To interpret the law correctly, we must discern what the Lord intended.

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, however, He resolved this issue. We no longer need to interpret the law with our mind. Our goal is not to obey the law. Our goal is to be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

This is significant and important. We are controlled by the Holy Spirit, and not by our own mental understanding of what is right or wrong.

When we are controlled by the Spirit (in other words, ruled by God), then we fulfill the law naturally without having to think about it. Our only thought is about God. We delight in God and seek His will. We continually surrender to Jesus so that He may control us by the Holy Spirit.

When you ask, "What is a lie?"....I must be inclined to ask this question: Why do you ask?

We could debate for years what is lie. What did God mean when He commanded us not to bear false witness? What was God's purpose for saying this? What was His intention and will?

Some people might say, "God said don't lie, and that means don't lie ever!" However, anyone who says such a thing is not obeying God, they are obeying their own interpretation of the law. They are creating a black and white rule that is above or greater than God. Only God can say, "This is what a lie is. This is what I meant by that commandment."

If you are trying to create a black and white statement to apply to all situations, then you are endangering yourself by entering into sin. You are worshiping something other than God. Our primary goal should be to follow Jesus by complete surrender or submission to His authority as established by the Holy Spirit within us. We should not seek to obey by our own understanding of the law.

You do not need to interpret the law or mentally know what a lie is any longer if you are in Christ. If you wish to please God, then all you need to do is be controlled by the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit controls you, then you have pleased God. However, if you try to please God with your own mental understanding of the law, then you will sin. You have placed your own wisdom above God.

Proverbs 3:5(NAS)

Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding.

In Christ,
Blake

Re: - posted by butGod, on: 2007/5/4 11:25

That is a very different situation if you lied to protect the righteous.

But if you are covering up a youth pastor who has a double life. You all love his day life as a sweet loving pastor, and the other side of his life is a serial sexual predator.

Then he got caught with one of his victims, and he lied that is the only one time he did it, and he blamed the last victim for what he did without facing her deep long standing problem. And he lied that he will never do it again.

He lied all the way trying to get everyone off his back, and now he is planning another victim.

If you keep covering him up, because you love one side of him. Without thinking about all the past victims and future victims. You will have blood on your hands.

You are also deceived by him.

Re: - posted by Isaiah64, on: 2007/5/4 12:37

That's so interesting, I was just wondering about this. I had been reading the story of Bruther Yun and came to a part where he was captured by the PSB and feigned madness and was soon released. He said he felt the Lord telling him to do so and remembered how King David had done the same in the Bible.

Re: - posted by suddenly, on: 2007/5/4 12:46

George Platt,

I don't think you are no David, he did not lie, and he truly repented, and he did not lie to blame to undermine his mistakes. He took full responsibility of what he did.

You are actually like Saul, he blamed others for his fault, in the end he will fall on his sword and kill himself.

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 12:48

Suddenly... I'm confused by your post. Who is George Platt? And who are you responding to?

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 12:50

Quote:
-----But if you are covering up a youth pastor who has a double life. You all love his day life as a sweet loving pastor, and the other side of his life is a serial sexual predator.

I don't think anyone here is suggesting that this would be ok. I'd like to think we're all rational thinkers here. :-)

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 13:06

Krispy said

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Sorry to do this Krispy...

If Martial Law were declared in the U.S. and all "subversives" that could be linked to terrorism (ie, fundamentalist Muslims, fundamentalist Christians) were rounded up... would you deny you were a Christian?

What if they were shooting everyone who were remotely religious. Would you deny Christ to save your life?

Would Jesus forgive us for this "little white lie" to save our life?

Re:, on: 2007/5/4 13:41

No I would not. I've been in life and death situations, so I do know what it's like to be in situations similar to that.

But my denying Him or not denying Him is not what makes me a saved man. A Catholic may die for his faith, but he is not saved because of that any more than a Muslim would be saved for dying for Allah. We are saved by faith alone, and not works, lest any man should boast.

God doesn't make exceptions to the rule based on bravery at the end of a gun.

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If He did, shoot me now and lets get this over with.

Krispy

Re: What is a lie? - posted by kebi, on: 2007/5/4 15:56

Interesting posts.

Another verse that showed some insight to good balance in truth is 1 Sam 16. The Lord sends Samuel to Jesse's to annoint David and Sam is afraid Saul will be mad. So in 2 & 3 God says "But Samel said "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you , and say "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." And you shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one wh om I designate to you."

Of course we all have to judge our motives at all times; but I learned that we do not owe all truth to all people. God arra nged circumstances so that Samuel had a public purpose he could share and felt no need for him to share private info w ith the King.

On the WWII thing ... that is a hard one; perhaps it is which sin is worse. Helping the enemy kill innocent people or lying to protect them. I have no doubt that God would lead us in that moment of our need.

Passing Thru - Good verse. It affects me the same as it does you. I meditate on that verse a lot :)

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/5/4 16:18

Krispy wrote:

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Krispy, I would hope that if you did this, Jesus would turn to look at you and that you would have the humility to go out a nd weep!

ginnyrose

Re: What is a lie? - posted by jamezosn (), on: 2007/5/4 21:30

When I was in school, and a similar question came up. I thought my Bible teacher said something very interesting

"When two moral laws are in conflict, you choose the one that shows the most love."

Thought I would share :)

Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2007/5/4 22:03

Quote:

Corey_H wrote:

If Martial Law were declared in the U.S. and all "subservives" that could be linked to terrorism (ie, fundamentalist Muslims, fundamentalist Christians) were rounded up... would you deny you were a Christian?

The problem with this example, is that it is a display of selfishness, which is the essence of sin. The simple answer woul d be that denying Him is denying Him. Again, I say that mercy triumphs over judgement, but I wouldn't want to bet on tha t.

The difference between this and the Nazi/Jews situation is that in the latter one is protecting another, no so much them

elves. This is what makes it all the more a complex predicament.

Re: Lying - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/4 22:21

Here is an older, related thread;

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id5862&forum36&start0&viewmodeflat&order1) Is it ever okay to lie?

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/5/4 23:15

If I understand early church hispory on this issue where people denied their LORD to save their hide, these traitors were barred from church membership. This was also an issue during the Reformation era when people denied who they were. The point is that Christians in earlier eras took this matter very seriously so we do well to do likewise.

While we may think we would never deny who we are to save our skin, we should also realize we do not know how strong we will be at that point, should it happen. "Whosoever thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall" comes to my mind. So the solution is that we need to walk close with GOD NOW and not think we can muster up the strength and will power to be strong when we are put to the test.

My thoughts...
ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Warrior4Jah (), on: 2007/5/6 5:59

Yea thats correct ginnyrose, I've read about such a thing in 'the pilgrim church'. I also read about a guy who was given th is question and he denied that He followed the Lord. But he was heartbroken after this and draw closer to God. Years later he was again confronted to confess Jesus or to deny Him. This guy became a martyr this time.

This does remind me a bit about Peter in the Bible who denied Jesus 3 times.

Good insight about the issue of lying guys!

Re: - posted by Warrior4Jah (), on: 2007/5/6 6:04

Thanks for the link crsschk!

Re: What is a lie?, on: 2007/5/9 16:34

I've read this thread now, and the link Mike Balog put to the older thread, because since a week past Saturday, I have been unable to escape the same question because of a dream I had that night.

Further, today, I found myself wondering how can we be sooo hazy about what 'a lie' is, if we are to keep the Church truly pure both from being defiled, or from falling for true lies, ourselves?

That Saturday, I was at a wedding during the day. To my surprise, the leader of the church in that village which I had attended for a year, and had parted from because of the unwillingness of that leader to allow the Spirit to move amongst its members (There is a much longer story here - twenty five years long - what happened to me had happened to others previously.) approached me with surprise that I was still in touch with the groom's family. He then went on to bring up the topic of Replacement Theology. (I will revive the thread of that name to post a few comments there.) I shared my perspective, countering some of what he was saying, mainly with New Testament scripture. Eventually, he slid away into the gathering on the church lawn.

So, that night, he was in the dream as a small character who was putting a large, very fat wrinkly black slug onto a huge half of a slice of bread. The other half of the slice was then used to conceal the slug, and the thing was cut up into narrow strips, partly to make them small enough to eat, but partly to conceal the content of the sandwich. I woke up not

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having been able to bring myself to eat the first strip which was offered to me. I was nauseated. Which, incidentally, is how I felt latterly at that man's church, before I finally stopped going to the trouble of driving to it only to find I couldn't bring myself to go in.

It may be important for you to understand that I was one of a number of adults who had to stop going to that church, all of whom were receiving warning of different kinds, from the Spirit. One person not directly connected, had had a vision of a large reptile hovering above it. It seemed nothing we could do as individuals could break this hold, and unity in the form of an alternative local gathering of saints was also difficult to obtain, through a certain amount of confusion in people's minds, as to the 'spiritual' way forward.

It is only now, as I've begun to understand how many different gospels there are out there, that I've begun to understand the patterns I now see.

So, ten days since the dream, I am asking myself 'What is the lie represented by the slug?

Is it a whole doctrine?

Is it a system such as Cessationism?

Is it doubt of the written word of God?

Is it the commercialisation of faith in the writing of books and the offering of various 'aids' to 'enrich' one's Christian 'life', offered at a monetary price?

Maybe the 'lies' that distress God can all be rolled up under the title of 'religion', which is not as purely practised as James defines it.

Re:, on: 2007/5/9 17:17

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I don't know how you misunderstood me on this, but obviously you did. Probably more so than anything else I've ever written on here that you may have misunderstood.

It's kinda distressing how I can be on this website for as long as I have... written as much as I have... expressed my beliefs as boldly as I have... and yet be so completely misunderstood on such a simple thing as this.

Baffles my mind. I'm not even going to offer a clarification for what I said.

If you read it in the context of everything else I said on this thread... perhaps you'll grasp what I was saying.

Krispy

Re:, on: 2007/5/10 17:21

Quote:
-----Revelation 21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, **or maketh a lie**: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

I have some thoughts. But I find that I kill threads with my thoughts, and this is an interesting thread, I'll refrain.

You all have great ideas, keep it up!!

Re: What is a lie?, on: 2007/5/11 5:43

Compliments said

Quote:

-----I have some thoughts.

Well..... since this thread was already sinking down the page, and it will sink less fast if you join in properly.... what do you think?

Re: What is a lie?, on: 2007/5/15 11:06

As part of my search to understand 'what is the gospel?' this 'what is the lie?' remains a matter for serious consideration.

There is a great deal on SI which describes the lie, by way of complaints about dead churches. These take many forms, from complaints about a humanistic 'gospel', to descriptions of Christians who are deceived by aspirations of riches through the prosperity movement, or, who don't recognise their role in distributing either spiritual or material wealth to the poor.

I think it would be useful if we could re-interpret what we are seeing, into terms of *Is it a lie?* - so that we can remind ourselves of the corresponding truth in the Bible, or as it applies to us in Christ.

This morning, I realised I *do* know the foundation of 'the lie'. It is here:

Romans 1:17 - 25 (Young)

For the righteousness of God in it is revealed from faith to faith, according as it hath been written,

'And the righteous one by faith shall live,'

for revealed is the wrath of God from heaven upon all impiety and unrighteousness of men, holding down the truth in unrighteousness. Because that which is known of God is manifest among them, for God did manifest *it* to them, for the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world, by the things made being understood, are plainly seen, both His eternal power and Godhead--to their being inexcusable; because, having known God they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor gave thanks, but were made vain in their reasonings, and their unintelligent heart was darkened, professing to be wise, they were made fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of fowls, and of quadrupeds, and of reptiles.

Wherefore also God did give them up, in the desires of their hearts, to uncleanness, to dishonour their bodies among themselves; who did change the truth of God into a falsehood, and did honour and serve the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed to the ages. Amen.

And

Psalm 14:1

A fool hath said in his heart, 'God is not';

Thus, one of the biggest 'lies' in our time, is the Theory of Evolution.

It is far easier to attribute scientific findings of similarities and differences to *the Fall*, or, to the possibility that God has continued creating new things despite the Fall. Having said that, I see the Hebrew word for 'rested' is used only 11 times in that sense, and 47 times as 'ceased', so maybe He hasn't *made* anything new except *in Christ*.

This would be in line with Paul's comment in

Romans 8:18 - 23

For I reckon that the sufferings of the present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory about to be revealed in us; for the earnest looking out of the creation doth expect the revelation of the sons of God; for to vanity was the creation made subject--not of its will, but because of Him who did subject *it* --in hope, that also the creation itself shall be set free from the servitude of the corruption to the liberty of the glory of the children of God; for we have known that all the creation doth groan together, and doth travail in pain together till now. And not only so, but also we ourselves, having the first-fruit of the Spirit, we also ourselves in ourselves do groan, adoption expecting--the redemption of our body;

But in Hebrews 4:4, where the sabbath rest of believers is likened to God's resting in Genesis, there are four English options for the word in Greek: restrain 1, rest 1, give rest 1, cease 1.

There are other verses which state He is always involved with His creation, holding it together, notably

Colossians 1:14 - 19

...in whom we have the redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of the sins, who is the image of the invisible God, first-born of all creation, because in him were the all things created, those in the heavens, and those upon the earth, those visible, and those invisible, whether thrones, whether lordships, whether principalities, whether authorities; all things through him, and for him, have been created, and himself is before all, and the all things in him have consisted. And himself is the head of the body--the assembly--who is a beginning, a first-born out of the dead, that he might become in all *things* --himself--first, because in him it did please all the fulness to tabernacle,

I concede He may not be 'making', but rather *holding*.

The other big lie of which Jesus warned us many different ways, was 'the cares of this world'. Where do we find these warnings?

How could we define (if at all) a legitimate 'care' for a Christian?

Re:, on: 2007/5/18 19:30

: Linn (Dorcas) suggested I put this here. This is part of a dialogue that we have been having in PM, and she thought that this would be beneficial in this thread to which I agreed. Below is one of my replies to Linn. I have edited it for clarity.

Compliments wrote:

Thanks Linn for your reply.

Quote: "We are struggling with victory over sin, and yet this was basic in their thinking"

We have the victory today in Christ Jesus when we recognize that we are dead. As Paul said, "Reckon yourselves to be dead unto sin and alive unto God"

The problem with NOT having victory over sin is the fact that we are struggling to overcome sin via our input of obeying the law or any law that we put to ourselves in thinking that 'this' or 'that' will help us overcome sin.

The only remedy for sin is placing our complete faith and trust in what Jesus did on the cross. Once we begin to add or take away from this equation, sin lieth at the door.

I need to drive this home, because it's becoming a reality in my own life. It's important that we hang onto this liberty that we have in Christ Jesus lest at anytime these things will slip.

I am tempted. Temptations comes in many forms and they change from one level to another level, but when you recognize that your dead, sin will not have dominion over you. You got to want to walk in the Spirit. And you can't do that by me

ans of the law or laws and rules that you have established or your Church has established for you in your life to make you righteous before God. You are made righteous before God by the act of trusting that the report of Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross is true and by placing your faith exclusively in Jesus Christ and what He has finished on the cross.

You and I are dead because we have been crucified with Jesus Christ. We are DEAD and our life is hid in Christ. We are now living out of a new life, a totally different aspect of what we knew before. We are walking in the Spirit when we place our total faith in Christ.

Let me share more on this subject of death. There are many lies in the Church. No where in the bible does it say that "we are sinners saved by grace". That's a lie. You and I are not sinners, we have been called to be saints and are saints. We have been called to be perfect even as He is perfect.

A sinner is one who continues in sin, but we, who are dead to sin, no longer sin; because His SEED remaineth in us.

However, those of us who do continue in sin after we have believed, are sinners, because a sinner is someone who continues in sin. But if we sin we have an advocate with the Father, Christ Jesus the Righteous.

James 5:19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

He is talking about believers that have erred from the truth. If we err from the truth, it means that we have received lies, which means that we cannot properly love God or do His will nor are we free.

God is not willing that any of us should perish but all would come to the knowledge of the truth. This verse is for our benefit.

We must realize that we are dead, the victory is in the cross.

"Near the cross, Near the cross, be my glory ever, when my raptured soul shall find, rest beyond the river."

I agree with the first portion of that chorus, however, our rest is not beyond the river, our rest is in Jesus Christ today. Come unto me and I will give you rest. That rest is what we must enter into today. The Kingdom of God suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. Every day believers are pressing into the Kingdom of God. And no can get in there unless he hath clean hands and a pure heart, neither anyone who loveth and maketh a lie.

Victory over sin is standing on the fact that we are dead. When temptation comes, we must count it all joy that this temptation doesn't come because of the devil but that God has willed that the devil would try us. We must know the word of God so that we might rebuke the devil. We must stand our ground.

When someone says that we are sinners saved by grace, we must nip that in the butt immediately.

Oh yes, Paul said that he was the chief of sinners. I am going to give you something that I believe the holy Spirit just showed me as I was reading that.

Paul wasn't saying that he was the chief of sinners because he thought of himself as a sinner. Rather, he was ordained to be the Chief of sinners, Chief of the gentiles. The 12 apostles were made to be a witness to the Jews, Paul was to be made a witness for the Gentiles in whom he was ordained to be the Apostle over them.

I never saw that until this very moment. Thank you Jesus

The struggle ends when we stop struggling to overcome sin. The deeds of the law shall no man be justified, so why try to overcome sin when we have been made MORE than a conquerer. "More than a conquerer" is someone who didn't have to do anything to conquer. It's like the wife who gets her husband's paycheck. She didn't do the work, he did.

A good example of this is found in Gideon, though the men who were left behind because there was too many of them, God wanted only 300 men to go and fight this massive army, yet when they came back with the spoils, those men that didn't go got a share of the booty. They were more than a conquerer.

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In legalistic churches, even though they have a form of godliness on the outside, sin is rampant in that church, problems like you've never seen before. When we try to place our works against the cross of Christ and we think that by our works we are made righteous, we are living in sin, in fact we are enemies of the cross.

That's why our faith is looked down with scorn, because ALL religions in the world DO something to obtain their righteousness. Ours is simply faith and what Christ has done, not by works...lest any man should boast.

A believer may say in himself, praying will make me righteous towards God, but I tell you it's a law, and it must be rejected. Faith and faith alone is to be received. We must pray yes, pray pray pray, with a right motive.

God be with you

Re: What is a lie?, on: 2007/5/22 7:29

Hi Compliments, and thank you for posting this.

Quote:
-----The problem with NOT having victory over sin is the fact that we are struggling to overcome sin via our input of obeying the law or a
ny law that we put to ourselves in thinking that 'this' or 'that' will help us overcome sin.

The only remedy for sin is placing our complete faith and trust in what Jesus did on the cross. Once we begin to add or take away from this equation, sin lieth at the door.

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Let us not be those who 'would not'. :-(

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Amen

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Bother, I hope you don't mind my mentioning this, and don't know if 'butt' was a typo, but the proverbial phrase is 'nip' it 'in the bud'.... meaning, that the leaf or flower will not appear thereafter. ;-)

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I have never liked the 'sinners saved by grace' phrase and the way many people use it, as if it gives them a bye to go on sinning, even if they have stopped sinning. I agree we must rest our souls on the finished work of Christ, and expect to

be transformed by it, so that we no longer even *desire* our previous sins.

Re: What is a lie?, on: 2007/5/22 11:15

From Finneys "Breaking up the Fallow Ground":

7. Lying. Understand now what lying is. Any species of designed deception for a selfish reason is lying. If the deception is not a design it is not lying. But if you design to make an impression contrary to the naked truth, you lie. Put down all those cases you can recollect. Don't call them by any soft name. God calls them LIES, and charges you with LYING, and you had better charge yourself correctly.

How innumerable are the falsehoods perpetrated every day in business, and in social intercourse, by words, and looks, and actions--designed to make an impression on others contrary to the truth for selfish reasons.

Re: - posted by Psalm73 (), on: 2007/5/22 14:37

Quote:

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Thank you for such a topic I am very accused of and they threaten to lay hands on me for. Don't not let a prophet speak something easy like predicting hurricanes and wars and destructions, then tell you to walk after strange goddesses. Duet 13

These are covetous, and these cretains are always liars, evil beasties and slow bellies. This witness is true, Wherefore, rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith. Giving not heed to lew's fables, and commandments of men, which turn from the truth.

Joh 5:24 (W.t.n.t) faithofgod.net Verily verily I say unto you: He that heareth my words, And believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into damnation: but is scaped from death unto life

What would it take to convince of God's wrath against covetousness, malice, wantonness, various uncleanes, deceit and the fact every man neigheth after his neighbors wife in fornication I was, and that accused of Jesus of being a fornicator.

Isaiah 22:12-14 And at the same time shall the LORD of Hosts call men to weeping, mourning, to baldness and a putting on of sackcloth.

13 But they to fulfill their lust and willfulness, slaughter oxen: they kill sheep, they eat costly meat, and drink wine, let us eat and drink, to morrow we shall die.

14 Nevertheless, when the LORD of Hosts heard of it, he said: yea, if this wickedness of yours shall be remitted, ye must die for it. This hath the Lord GOD of Hosts spoken. (Matthew's O.T)

But here's the redemy for thesesinners, be very careful not to call good evil and evil good. How that the grace of God, can be confused as just plain a tool of the devil to do so called 'evil works'

For your sakes, lastly, may one of you arise and realize the servant of God, David his chosen his speaking to you, as would Paul, or Peter, or Tyndale, and Rogers Matthew. (Print this bible)

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Well he is your mediator, so well ask him if I'm a sinner and am leading you after strange gods.
If you had eyes to see and ears to hear, you'd stop running after those vain cars, and you call butchering a regrowth stopped swamp that a man uses to worship his God and his son Iesus Christ, all an evil work.
That we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against rule, against power, against the worldly rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places.
If you understood persecution, you would realize the scribes and Pharisees work against you through envy and strife, to get them to do evil works around you.
They put Christ in the stocks and so will they do to you, if you may live godly in Christ Iesu

No I am no longer a sinner, but filled with his grace had through the redemption of the blood of Iesus.
Lives to make intercession for the saints who pray the psalms, Esay's prayers, Ieremy's prayers, and the many bold things spoken of in the prophets which shall be fulfilled. For we have a more sure word of the prophets

These letters I write are not to destroy you, but to edify you. To bring you into a knowledge of the truth and a turning from this world's wicked ways.

Galations 3:19 -22 ¶ Wherefore then serveth the law? The law was added because of transgression (till the seed came to which the promise was made) and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.
20 A mediator is not a mediator of one. But God is one.
21 Is the law then against the promise of God? God forbid. If there had been a law given which could have given life: then no doubt righteousness should have come by the law:
22 but the scripture concluded all things under sin, that the promise by the faith of Iesus Christ, should be given unto them that believe.

Re:, on: 2007/5/22 15:11

Quote:
-----Butter, I hope you don't mind my mentioning this, and don't know if 'butt' was a typo, but the proverbial phrase is 'nip it 'in the bud'..
.. meaning, that the leaf or flower will not appear thereafter.

You are so right, my Mother keeps correcting me on that :-P

Re:, on: 2007/5/22 15:31

Quote:
-----But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

Any of us who operate out of the law to obtain right standing before God doeth not the truth.

Quote:
-----Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Thus, this person will never come to the truth to have his deeds made manifest, because he doesn't see that he has any

Quote:
-----John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Though the name of this thread is "What is a lie"? The question in regards to "doeth truth" is, "What is truth?". Interesting topic Linn.

Re: What is a lie?, on: 2007/5/22 16:27

Hi Psalm73,

You've put an interesting slant on this topic, which ties in with what RobertW said in an earlier post in this thread. He pointed out that God's definition of 'lie' in scripture, is associated with issues to do with the kingdom of God.

It was not till today I found myself reading John (below), connecting with Robert's observation, and sparking a new train of thoughts.

1 John 2 Young

21 I did not write to you because ye have not known the truth, but because ye have known it, and because no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is the liar, except he who is denying that Jesus is the Christ? this one is the antichrist who is denying the Father and the Son;

23 every one who is denying the Son, neither hath he the Father,

Compliments said

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Reading from 1 John also made me take in what a shift of emphasis and meaning there is in scripture from 'We be Abraham's seed' (John 8:33) to 'your Father' (John 20:17).

It is not only Paul who re-interprets the Old Covenant terms of engagement, which once were the *raison d'etre* of His people, making them sound *old*, but here John.

And of course, the gospel writers report that Jesus tried to explain things to them, but even He had to stop, saying 'I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.'

John 16:12

Preceded by 7 'Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;' Jesus continues 13 '**Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew 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.**

For myself, I am finding that 'truth' is not what I thought it was - something about facts and information - but more an acknowledgement of the utter reality, purity and invincibility of God's *being*. As John (again) puts it, in this context

1 John 1

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

The theme of darkness comes up again in 1 John 2:

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because th at darkness hath blinded his eyes.

I note there is a vital (or should I say fatal) discrepancy in what the man walking in darkness is *saying* about his walk.

I also note that an observer will be able to tell whether he is telling the truth or lying, by whether they see him loving or h ating.

Perhaps this is why these verses have been seized upon by some.

John 17

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through **their word**;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world **ma y believe** that thou hast sent me.

It is difficult to read the ecumenical movement into the sort of unity Jesus was describing here, in which both He and Fat her would be in us as evidence (to us) of our *being* what we claim.

Re:, on: 2007/5/27 11:59

Quote:
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Governor Pilate's timely question to Jesus was, "What is truth"?

We all know that Jesus is the way the truth and the life, but what is it exactly and can lies proceed from the Almighty?

Quote:
-----Isaiah 66:4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I s pake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.2 Thessalonians 2:11 And for this cause God shall s end them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

From this, "Truth" means a little bit more than what the dictionary is telling us. Because if lies can proceed from God, wh at is truth then?

I speak as a man!!