**Not Loving The Truth Leads To Believing A Lie**

II Thess 2:10-12 "And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be [condemned] who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

This text makes it clear that some people will believe a lie in religion. And that they will be condemned for it.

Doesn't Matt 15:14 teach the same thing?: "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

The blind leader represents the false religious teacher. The blind follower represents us if we allow him to lead us astray. The ditch represents the bad place, h-e-l-l. So we will be lost if we are led astray religiously.

Prove 14:12 puts it this way "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." We may be deceived into thinking a particular doctrine is true, but if it is false, it will result in our spiritual death.

Back to II Thess 2:10-12. The passage gave us the reason we believed a lie. It is because we did not have a "love of the truth." Do you have a love for the truth? Here are some things having a love for the truth means ...

We keep an open mind on every Biblical issue - Matt 13:15 "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and **their eyes** **they** **have** **closed**; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

We check everything we are taught by the Bible - Acts 17:11 "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

We are willing to change to the truth even if it means hurting our relationship with friends and family - Matt 10:37 "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."

One of the biggest lies the so called Christian world has been taught is Once Saved Always Saved ...

**Sam Morris**, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stamford, Texas - … a Christian’s sins do not d-a-m-n his soul. The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people have nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul. … All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice, all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit **from idolatry to murder** will not make his soul in any more danger …

Galatians 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

Heb 3:12 "Take heed, brethren (holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, v.1), lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

Heb 3:14 “... we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold … stedfast unto the end”

James 5:19-20 "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 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."

Rev 3:5 "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels."

I think the “once saved always saved” doctrine is a good example of “wishful thinking” - teaching what we want to be true instead of what is true.

Baptist preacher Vernon Barr said “Baptists teach that a child of God can do anything he wants to and go to heaven anyhow.” How are many of his listeners likely to live?