

Natural Revelation vs. Special Revelation
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(Philosophical and Scientific Evidence) Bible

The Heavens Declare His Handiwork:

God's Revelation of Himself through the Things that Are Made

Romans 1:18-20 . . . who suppress the truth in unrighteousness [atheists],¹⁹ because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse (cosmological evidence).

Romans 2:14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves,¹⁵ in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, (moral evidence)

Psalms 19:1 The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.² Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge (teleological/design evidence)

Preparation for Bible Class: Authentic Christianity & the 3 Greatest Issues in Life

#1- Salvation

Wow!



New Life =
Divine Life

#2- The Spiritual Life

Wow!



New Power =
Divine Power

#3 – Spiritual Maturity

Wow!

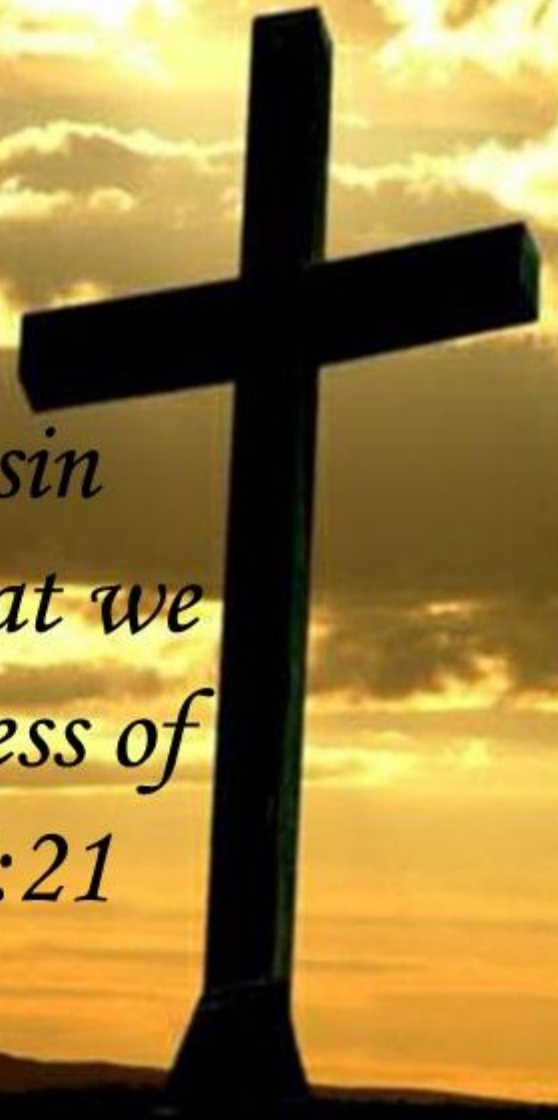


New Mind =
Divine Viewpoint

#1 - SALVATION - WOW!

The Great Exchange

*He made Him who knew no sin
to be sin on our behalf, so that we
might become the righteousness of
God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:21*



#2 FELLOWSHIP: THE DYNAMICS & REWARDS – WOW!

2 Corinthians 5:-9-10 Therefore also we have as our ambition (φιλοτιμούμεθα) whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good (εἴτε ἀγαθόν) or bad (εἴτε φαῦλον).

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴ If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵ If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

Human Good = works of the flesh

Divine Good = wrought of God, cf. Jn 3:21

gold, silver, precious stones =
Glory of God/divine character, redeemed life, variety
of beautiful and valuable gems/divine good;
Eternal things/value and recognition =
produced by believer who is walking in
fellowship w/JC under the power of the HS

wood, hay, straw =
Scaffold, animals, worthless;
Dead works, carnal works =
produced by carnal believer

#3: SPIRITUAL MATURITY – THE CONTEST OF LIFE – WOW!

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. ²⁵ And everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; ²⁷ but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified (ἀδόκιμος).

Isthmian Games



#3 – Spiritual Maturity: the dynamics & rewards – WOW!

The Judgment Seat of Christ The Bema of Christ 2 Cor. 5.10, 1 Cor. 3.11-15 Five Crowns



Endure
The Crown of Life
(Rev 2.10)
Awarded to those who are faithful unto death.
The Martyr's Crown



Disciple
The Crown of Glory
(1 Pet 5.2-4)
Awarded for feeding and being an example to the Flock.



Expect
The Crown of Righteousness
(2 Timothy 4.8)
Awarded to those who love His appearing.



Discipline
The Incorruptible Crown
(1 Cor 9.25-27)
Awarded for striving for the Mastery.
The Victor's Crown

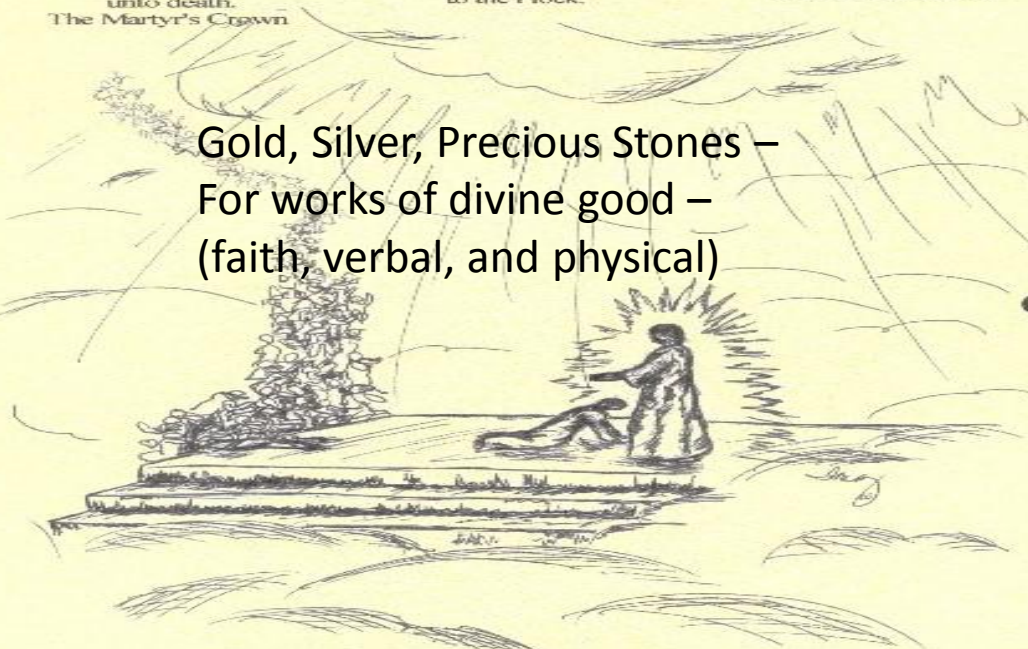


Evangelize
The Crown of Rejoicing
(1 Thes. 2.19-20)
Awarded to those who Win the lost to Christ
The Soul-winners Crown

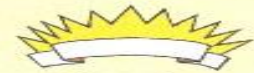
Gold, Silver, Precious Stones –
For works of divine good –
(faith, verbal, and physical)

Some will suffer loss.

Some will earn rewards.



Personal
To eat of the Tree of Life
(Rev 2.7)
The result of a heart full of love for Christ



Passion
A Throne Given
(Rev 3.21)
The result of a fervent and pure heart.



Persevere
Not hurt of the Second Death
(Rev 2.11)
The result of a sound witness.



Prove
A New Name Given
(Rev 3.12)
The result of holding to the things of God.

Seven Privileges



Persist
The Stone with a New Name
(Rev 2.17)
The result of holding to an equal Body.



Protect
The Morning Star and Authority
(Rev 2.26-29)
The result of avoiding the world's lies.



Pure
Divine Identification
(Rev 3.5)
The result of a pure walk.

REWARDS AT THE LAMB'S 1,000 YEAR MARRIAGE BANQUET – WOW!

Revelation 19:7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." ⁸ **And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.** (τὰ δικαιώματα τῶν ἁγίων ἐστίν) ⁹ And he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"



LIFE OF DAVID (66) Sanctification, Separation, and Satan's assaults on the Word of God

REVERSIONISM OF KING SAUL AS IT RELATES TO HIS REJECTION OF THE WORD OF GOD



1 Samuel 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king."

OVERVIEW OF SAUL'S REVERSIONISM

- Reversionism of Saul as it relates to the *process* of KD deception
- Kosmos diabolicus. *Satan in his great genius has been able to compile a KD – a mass of thoughts, opinions, speculations, complete with systems of false doctrine, panaceas, plans, and categories of deceit to fulfill policies and objectives whereby he seeks to control the world.*

7 Stages of reversionism:

- 1) Reaction - to BD (PT, WOG, believer) – off balance, vulnerable
- 2) FSH – trying to find happiness in the KD due to –H in carnality
- 3) Boomerang – everything backfires/falls apart, no humility, no doctrine to handle the problems of life
- 4) Emotional revolt – emotions run the life, you end up living in your lusts
- 5) Hardness - to BD, local church, PT, fellow believers, things of God, POG
- 6) Blackout of the soul – darkness of kosmic viewpoint continues to fill the soul, apart from recovery the believer begins to mock things of God, BD and the SL
- 7) Sin unto death – God takes/kills the believer due to darkness of the soul, 1 Jn 5:16, 1 Sam 31:4.

(cont. Sanctification, Separation, and Satan's assaults continued)

14. Regarding the Devil.

c. Satan's Assaults

3) On the Word of God, Jn 8:44

John 8:44 "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 (ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ οὐκ ἔστηκεν), because there is no (οὐκ) truth in him.

Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies (ψεύστης ἐστὶν καὶ ὁ πατὴρ αὐτοῦ).

- Satan's entire MV & MO traffic in lies (about God, man, life, Christianity)
- His whole aim is to disabuse the believer of the importance of BD.
- Satan attacks the Word of God/Truth through syncretism.
- Satan's greatest achievement in the area of syncretism is religion.
- Religion has always been Satan's ace trump against the human race.
- In religion Satan is able to keep man away from true grace, distort the character of God, twist the Scriptures, and keep man away from a true relationship with God.
- In religion Satan has been able to blind the Church to the gospel, the spiritual life, and the great objective of spiritual maturity.

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3) On the Word of God/Truth, Jn 8:44

- Satan is very well aware of the fact that the Bible is the only book that gives an accurate view of God, grace, salvation, the spiritual life, Satan, the angelic conflict, heaven, hell, and everything in between.
- Without the WOG, the believer lives in deception. This is the only book that tells us about God, Jesus, the SL, the CC-marriage, and government.
- As the “father of lies,” Satan has been unceasing in his attacks upon the Bible (i.e. full of contradictions, just like any other religious book, not historical).
- His success can be seen in that many “Christian ministers” do not really believe that the Bible is the Word of God, cf. gay pastors, and theistic evolutionists.
- His success can be seen in the anti-intellectual “mess” in contemp. Christianity
- His success can be seen in the fact that many Christians reject the inerrancy of Scripture ---as evidenced by rejecting it as foundation of their lives
- His success can be seen in how his system has been able to get the world and believers so search for meaning and happiness in his KSs.
- Satan knows that only the Bible reveals truth about God and Satan. He knows if he can destroy the Bible then he can destroy Truth.

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3) On the Word of God/Truth, Jn 8:44

- The Bible not only claims to be the Word of God, it also proves to be the Word of God (40 authors over 1500 years with one message with beginning, middle, and end; fulfilled prophecy; archaeology; foundation for science, logic, thought---i.e. creation (Rom 1:20) and design (Psa 19); foundation for logic, right, and wrong (Rm 2:14-15). Without the Bible, man is just an animal that needs to be taken care of by the government. Only the Bible gives man *individual* dignity.
- Without the Bible there is no hope for the individual or the nation. Satan uses his vast system to keep believer distracted and deceived.
- Without the Bible, all man is left with is human solutions (which are no solutions and are essentially evil) to the issues of life, i.e. SL, marriage, work, friends, meaning of life, and life itself.

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3) On the Word of God – through religion,

2 Corinthians 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds [cf. Galatians].

- Satan loves religion and has used religion to keep people from the gospel and the true spiritual life for thousands of years by offering syncretistic counterfeits.
- In religion Satan effectively destroys truth as he gets people to focus on their “goodness” and on a god who owes them---a legalistic god that rewards the human “goodness” and activity of man.
- Religion is man-centered and uses God to validate SR. Satan loves denominations.
- Religion appeals to the basic instinct of man with regard to SR and earning God's favor through sacrifice.
- Religion distorts the truth about God, man, and grace.
- Religion substitutes human works for grace (emotionalism, service, sacrifice)
- Satan does not care if people go to church just as long as they do not learn BD.
- Satan is always seeking to infiltrate and destroy any church that teaches the Truth.
- Religion always controls people whereas Christianity provides individual freedom.

14. Regarding the Devil

c. Satan's Assaults

4) On the believer's mind (in the church, in society and school).

- **Matthew 16:23** But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."
- **2 Corinthians 11:3** But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of *devotion* to Christ.
- **Romans 1:28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,
- **Romans 8:5** For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*;

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- **Romans 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
- **James 1:8** *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.
- **James 4:8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

14. Regarding the Devil

c. Satan's Assaults

4) On the world ---through deception.

Revelation 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world;

1 John 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. ⁵ Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? ⁶ And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. ⁸ And then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming; ⁹ *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, ¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be deceived [μὴ πλανᾶσθε]: "Bad company corrupts [φθείρουσιν] good morals."

- Two issues: deception (imperative) and corruption (declarative).
- Do not be deceived about negative influences on your SL!
- Bad company corrupts the inner spiritual life and walk with the Lord.
- Anyone who really "hangs around" those in the kosmos will become like those in the kosmos - apart from mental separation
- When you fellowship with those in the KS, you will pick up K tendencies.
- The issue is the protection of the SL. You need to separate either mentally or spiritually.
- If you think you are strong enough to have a close association with someone in KD without some type of separation, and it not affect your spiritual life, you are saying you know better than God's Word. Ergo, you are already in deception.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system, Rom 16:17-18.

Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and **turn away from them**.¹⁸ For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they **deceive** the hearts of the unsuspecting.

- *Turn away:* Separation, mental or physical to keep them from corrupting your SL
- *Slaves of appetites:* OSHGEN, emotionalism, sensate, orientation to KD.
- *Smooth and flattering speech:* Positive thinking, “it is about love, not BD,” “your best life now,” prosperity gospel, etc.
- *Deceive:* throughout the WOG we are WARNED repeatedly about deception.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the cosmic system,

2 Thessalonians 3:14 And if anyone does not obey our instruction in this letter, take special note of that man and do not associate [συναναμίγνυσθαι = get entangled] with him, so that he may be put to shame.

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2 Corinthians 6:14 Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?
¹⁵ Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

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1 Peter 4:4 And in *all* this, they are surprised that you do not run (μὴ συντρεχόντων) with *them* into the same excess of dissipation, and they malign (βλασφημοῦντες) *you*;

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the cosmic system,

2 Timothy 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ² For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (φιλήδονοι μᾶλλον ἢ φιλόθεοι); ⁵ holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and **avoid (ἀποτρέπου) such men as these.**

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

1 Timothy 6:3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; ⁴ He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ⁵ Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: **from such withdraw thyself.**

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **2 John 1:10** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not give him a greeting; ¹¹ for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.
- Two interpretations:
 - a) The house refers to a home church
 - b) Do not support false teachers in any way.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **2 Thessalonians 3:6** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep aloof (στέλλεσθαι) from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **Titus 3:9** But shun (περιίτασο) foolish controversies and genealogies and strife and disputes about the Law; for they are unprofitable and worthless. ¹⁰ Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, ¹¹ knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **Ephesians 5:11** And do not participate (συγκοινωνεῖτε) in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; ¹² for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **1 Corinthians 5:9** I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; ¹⁰ I *did* not at all *mean* with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters; for then you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹ But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any **so-called brother if he should be an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler**-- not even to eat with such a one.

15. Believer is commanded to separate from those in the kosmic system,

- **Matthew 7:6** "Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

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- **Matthew 10:34** "Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ "For I came to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; ³⁶ and a man's enemies will be the members of his household. ³⁷ "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ "And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
- **Matthew 19:27-29** Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?" ²⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.

16. We will become like those we “walk with.”

Proverbs 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.

Psalms 1:1 How blessed (אַשְׁרֵי) is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

17. Concluding thoughts on sanctification

- **John 17:17** "Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth. ¹⁸ "As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ "And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.
- Apart from the WOG, the believer lives a miserable life of spiritual darkness we call reversionism. The longer a believer is in this darkness the greater the deception and the difficult for him to recover, cf., Lot, Demas.
- Only through BD, we can set be apart from evil and are transformed into the likeness of God Himself, 1 Peter 1:15 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
- Separation must always be done in the context of God---which means there may be times when we are to maintain some contact with others in KD.
- In sanctification, the believer overcomes the world, the flesh, and the devil (nullifies their influence in his relationship with God), and God Himself becomes the *summum bonum*.

- Only when God becomes the summum bonum (sanctification) is the believer able to enjoy all of the creature comforts and blessings of life because of capacity and keeping first things first. The POG = priority!
- Satan accomplishes all of his purposes through lies, Jn 8:44. He hides, deceives, blinds through his deceptive KD – with regard to gospel and the SL and nature of God. We are not to be ignorant of his schemes.
- Satan’s most effective organizational weapon is religion; his most effective personal weapon is people (family, friends, associates).
- Most people we come in contact with live in deception
- Only God’s truth sets us our minds free from Satanic deception, Jn 8:32.
- God accomplishes all of His purposes through truth.
- Only Christianity presents the true view of God and man---the depravity of man and the grace of God.
- Mental and physical separation enables the believer to live and grow in truth. Mental separation is especially powerful during people testing, especially in troubled times in marriage.
- The WOG enables the believer to live with God, overcome KD, live an abundant life, and be salt and light to a dying world.