

The Spirit of Truth

John 14:16–17 “And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”

Romans 1:18 “suppress the truth in unrighteousness.”

Revelation 12:9 “Satan, who deceives the whole world.”

“I am the truth.” **John 14:6**

“Your word is truth.” **John 17:17**

“The [Holy] Spirit is truth.” **1 John 5:6**

There are three questions that we must ask concerning any spiritual issue:

- Does it represent Jesus as He truly is?
- Is it in harmony with Scripture?
- Does the Holy Spirit bear His witness?

1 John 5:6 “It is the Spirit who bears witness.”

1 Thessalonians 1:5 “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and **in the Holy Spirit** and in much assurance...”

John 8:44 “is a liar and the father of it.”

Acts 5:3–5 “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

Hypocrisy = religious pretense.

Seven times in Matthew 23 Jesus said to the religious leaders: “Woe to you . . . hypocrites!”

Job 42:7 “The LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, ‘My wrath is aroused against you and your two friends, for you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has.’”

2 Samuel 12:1–15 “I have sinned.”

Psalms 51:5 “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Psalms 51:6 “Behold, You desire **truth in the inward parts.**”

Matthew 21:11 “the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.”

Proverbs 28:13 “He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”

God’s remedy is twofold: first, **confess**; then, **forsake**.

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Daniel 4:27 “Break off thy sins by righteousness.”

1 John 5:17 “All unrighteousness is sin.”