

Deception has been around since the beginning. Eve knew the truth, but she first listened to, then believed, and finally acted on the lies from the serpent (Satan). Gen 3:1-6

The Bible has many warnings about being careful not to allow ourselves to be deceived. Matthew 24:24 warns us about false messiahs and false prophets that will come to deceive us. In 2 Cor. 11:3-4, Paul warns about deception from those who have been preaching a gospel that contradicts the true Gospel found in the scriptures. Col 2:4 warns us not to be deceived by fine-sounding arguments.

Satan's lies and deceptions are still with us today. We live in a time that has rejected the idea of absolute truth, especially when it comes to spiritual matters. It is considered arrogant to say that you know the truth and others who do not share your view are wrong. It is considered okay to have your own spiritual opinion, as long as you don't claim that your view is the only true view. But the Bible clearly indicates that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth (2 Thess 2:12), and that God's Word is truth (John 17:17).

It is important for us as Christians to learn and speak the truth. We are inundated with the world's deceptive ways of thinking from many avenues - television, social media, movies, magazines, music, friends, to name a few - causing the search for truth to become more and more difficult. As we spend more time reading God's Word, we will grow in wisdom and understanding, and it will become more difficult for us to be deceived by the world.

Believing and acting on the truth gives us freedom. John 8:31-32 "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free".

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Phil 4:6 Matt 6:27

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John 1:1 Is 9:6 Rev 19:11-16

Don't Skimp on truth

Romans 1:19-21 Joh 17:17

Do Reflect On God's Plan