

WHEN A LIE BECOMES THE TRUTH

When People Believe Lies to Be the Truth

- Joseph Goebbels, the head of Nazi Germany's Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda during World War II.
 - Famous Quotes:
 - “A lie told once remains a lie but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth.”
 - “If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it, and you will even come to believe it yourself.”
 - “This is the secret of propaganda: Those who are to be persuaded by it should be completely immersed in the ideas of the propaganda, without ever noticing that they are being immersed in it.”
- BUT when someone comes along with the real truth people will consider him an enemy! READ Galatians 4:16; John 8:45; 2 Timothy 4:3-4
- See handout: *Nazi Propaganda*
- This is the reason why we are **commanded** to test EVERYTHING by the **written** Word of God - NOT the teachings of men. (Isaiah 8:20; 1 John 4:1; 1 Thess 5:21)

Things (LIES) That People Accept Without Testing

THIS LIST IS A LIST OF SOME BELIEFS THAT HAVE CHANGED OVER THE COARSE OF THE PAST 150 YEARS.

THESE BELIEFS (LIES) ARE ALL BASED ON THE TEACHINGS OF MEN and NOT THE WORD OF GOD.

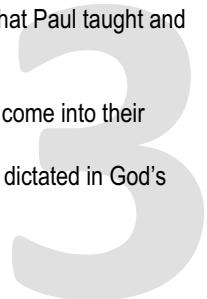
MANY WHO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY ARE CHRISTIANS HAVE ACCEPTED THESE AS TRUTH WITHOUT DILIGENTLY TESTING THEM BY THE WORD OF GOD.

IF YOU HAVE NEVER TESTED THESE BY YOUR OWN STUDY OF GOD'S WORD THEN YOU HOLD TO AN OPINION OF ANOTHER RATHER THAN THE WORD OF GOD.

1. **LIE:** Bible STUDY is not NECESSARY for modern day Christians. You can be saved without being a disciple of Christ. (Luke 9:23; 10:42; 4:4; Matthew 4:4; John 17:17; Psalm 119:160)
2. **LIE:** The study of and living doctrine is not necessary for the Christian life. (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17; 4:1-4; 1 Timothy 4:13-16)
3. **LIE:** Tithing is a Jewish thing. Christians are not required to tithe what God gives them. Give whatever you feel like giving or not giving. (Genesis 14:20; 28:19-22 [these is before the Law]; Leviticus 27:30-32 [the tithes were “holy unto the LORD”]; Matthew 23:33 [notice the phrase, “and not to leave the other undone”]; Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 8:14 [“But by an equality . . .”]; Heb 7:5-6; Luke 12:48)
4. **LIE:** Being valiant for the truth is not necessary. (Jeremiah 9:3; Jude 3)
5. **LIE:** Assembling together with other Christians in a local church for worship, fellowship, study and prayer are not necessary. (Acts 2:42-46; Heb 10:25)

6. **LIE:** Church membership is not necessary. One can be a Christian without being an active, serving, committed member of a local church.
→ Membership is defined by “the church” or “me” NOT by God.
(Ephesians 5:30-31; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:4-5)
7. **LIE:** Christianity is a personal/private thing. It is not a corporate thing. You can be the Christian you want to be and are not responsible to others. (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Eph 4:16)
8. **LIE:** Christianity is a religion not an intimate relationship with Christ and a very distinct way of life.(John 3:1-8; 17:1-3; James 1:18; 1 John 3:1-10)
9. **LIE:** One can be a Christians without growing and maturing in their faith.
(1 Peter 1:5-10; 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 5:12-14)
10. **LIE:** Taking the Lord’s name in vain is not big thing. OMG is not taking God’s name in vain - it is just an expression that many use. (Exodus 20:7; Deut 5:11)
11. **LIE:** Obeying elders/pastors is not required. You do not have to obey what the pastor/elder teaches or preaches. (Heb 13:7, 17; 1 Thess 5:12-13; 1 Tim 5:17)
12. **LIE:** Doing the will of God, as revealed in the Word of God, is not necessary to get to heaven. (Matthew 7:21; 12:50; Luke 11:28; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 2:3-4, 17; 5:1-3)
13. **LIE:** A little false doctrine does not leaven the whole bunch. (Matthew 16:6-12; Luke 12:1; 1 Corinthians 5:6; Galatians 5:9)
14. **LIE:** One does not have to forgive others even as God has forgiven them.
(Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-13; 1 John 2:12; Matthew 18:21-22) Forgiving others is not necessary.
15. **LIE:** One does not have to love others even as God loves them.(John 13:34-35; 15:12-13, 17; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:7-11, 21; 5:1)
16. **LIE:** One does not have to receive others even as Christ has received them.
(Romans 15:7)
17. **LIE:** One can pray anyway they want and God will hear them. How we pray and what we pray is of no real significance. (Matt 6:5-13; 1 John 3:22-24)
18. **LIE:** One can have saving faith without doing those things that God commands in His Word. (James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14)
19. **LIE:** Truth is relative. There is no absolute truth. One can believe whatever they want to believe and God will accept you. (Psalm 119:142, 151, 160; John 17:17; Psalm 96:13)
20. **LIE:** Homosexuality is not an abomination to God. (1 Cor 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8; 22:15)
21. **LIE:** Sex outside of marriage and living together without being married is acceptable. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:4-5; Hebrews 13:4; Revelation 21:8; 22:15)
22. **LIE:** Killing of babies inside and outside the womb is acceptable. Abortion is not a sin. (Exod 2:13; 21:14, 22-25; ; Psalm 139:13-16; 127:3-5; Jer 1:5)
23. **LIE:** Divorce is permissible. (Malachi 2:16; Mark 10:11-12; Luke 16:18; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; Romans 7:2; our vows prohibit us from divorce; separation is allowed but not divorce.)

24. **LIE:** The serious and diligent education of our children about who God is and what He demands is not necessary. (Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:7-9; 11:19; Psalm 78:1-8; Ephesians 6:4; Proverbs 22:6)
25. **LIE:** Disciplining our children in accordance with the Word of God is unacceptable. (Proverbs 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15; 29:17)
26. **LIE:** Roles of women and men must keep up with culture and not be followed by God's Word. (Genesis 1:26-27)
27. **LIE:** Individuals define what and who a Christian is – NOT GOD. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 9:23; 14:26-33; all the Epistles)
28. **LIE:** The fourth commandment is only for the Jews and not for Christians. God no longer requires that His people give Him one day. Christians are free to take all seven days for themselves.
 - One day is not necessary. 1-2 hours and then do as we please.
 - Christians are bound to 9 not 10 commandments.
 - (Exodus 20:8-11; 16:23-30; Leviticus 23:3; Genesis 2:3; Isaiah 56:2-13; **58:13-14**; Jeremiah 17:19-27; 7:22-28; 1Hebrews 10:25; Ezekiel 20:12-16; 22:8; Nehemiah 13:15, 21, 22; Mark 2:27-28)
 - Vacations with family is a legitimate reason for not giving God His one day. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
29. **LIE:** Christ accepts a minimum standard for being one of His disciples. (Luke 9:23; 14:26-33) (Truth: Christ demands our all and our best.)
30. **LIE:** Individuals can define what is and what is not sin for themselves. (1 John 3:4; 5:17)
31. **LIE:** One can say, "Christ is number one in my life," but still place Him below the number one spot when making decisions. (Matthew 22:36-38; 10:37; Luke 14:26-27; Philippians 3:8)
32. **LIE:** Following the commandments of God is not necessary for a Christian. (1 John 2:3-6; 5:1-3; John 14:15; 15:10, 14, 21, 23-24)
33. **LIE:** Works have no place in Christianity. (Titus 2:11-14; James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:10).
34. **LIE:** One can say, "the Bible is the final authority for all that we believe and practice (do)," but be ignorant of what it actually says or not believing that I really have to follow it carefully and diligently.(James 1:22; 1 John 2:3-4)
35. **LIE:** The meaning of God's Word changes with time, culture and tradition. (Jude 3; John 17:17; Hebrews 13:8)
36. **LIE:** Gospel messages that are not strictly in accordance to what Paul taught and preached are still acceptable. (Galatians 1:6-9)
37. **LIE:** Different interpretations of truth are acceptable.
38. **LIE:** One cannot be deceived if they have prayed for Christ to come into their hearts. (Galatians 1:6; 3:1)
39. **LIE:** How one dresses for worship and for every day life is not dictated in God's Word. (1 Corinthians 11:2-16; 1 Timothy 2:9-10)



40. **LIE:** Christianity is something you add to your life. It is not your life. You have your religious life and a secular life. You must live your secular life but your religious life can be a lower priority. (2 Cor 5:17; Jn 3:3-8; Luke 14:33; Gal 2:20)
41. **LIE:** When on vacation you can be on vacation from God (worship, study, fellowshiping with other Christians, etc.). (2 Tim 3:1-5; Hebrews 10:25; Exodus 20:8-11; Deut 5:12-14; Isaiah 56:4-6; 58:13-14)
42. **LIE:** As long as you are sincere in what you believe God accepts you. (Matthew 7:21-29; 12:50; 1 John 2:17)
43. **LIE:** Focusing on obedience to the commandments of God is legalism. (BUT biblically GOD calls it obedience and obedience in the only evidence of our love for God.) (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
44. **LIE:** Tradition and culture define truth. (John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 119:142, 160; Jeremiah 6:16-17)
45. **LIE:** Family is more important than following Christ. (Matt 10:37-38; Luke 14:26-33)
46. **LIE:** The Law has no place in the New Testament. (Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 2:3-6; 5:1-3)
47. **LIE:** Christians do not have to **pursue** love, holiness, righteousness, faith, patience, godliness, gentleness, peace, and edification. (1 Cor 14:1; Rom 14:19; 1 Tim 6:11; 2 Tim 2:22; Heb 12:14; 1 Thess 5:15; 1 Pet 3:11-12; Prov. 15:9; 21:21)
48. **LIE:** Christians do not need to exercise themselves in godly living. (1 Peter 4:7-9; Hebrews 5:13-14)
49. **LIE:** Christians do not have to memorize and meditate on Scripture. (Psalm 119:11; 1:2-3; 37:21; 40:8; Proverbs 2:1; Joshua 1:7-9; Psalm 37:31)
50. **LIE:** Christians do not need to “eat and drink” Christ daily. (John 6:53-54; 7:27-38)
51. **LIE:** Christians do not have to live their lives on “every word that comes from the mouth of God”. (Luke 4:4; Matthew 4:4)
52. **LIE:** Christians can say, “Jesus is Lord” and not do the will of God and still go to heaven. (Matthew 7:21-23)
53. **LIE:** Christians can be saved and go to heaven without continuous repentance of their sins. (Luke 13:1-5; Mark 1:14-15)
54. **LIE:** Circumstances, situations, careers, worldly commitments, etc. determine how we will or will not obey God and God accepts our excuses. (1 John 2:3-4; 3:22-24; 5:1-3; Luke 6:46; Matthew 22:35-37; 7:21-23, 24-29; 12:50; 1 Peter 4:2)
55. **LIE:** Forgiveness is hard to do. (1 John 5:3; Matthew 5:44; 6:12, 14-15; 18:21-35; Mark 11:25; Colossians 3:13; Eph 4:32; 2 Timothy 3:3)
56. **LIE:** I am not responsible for the spiritual growth of my Church and my brothers and sisters. (Ephesians 4:16; Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-27)
57. **LIE:** All one needs to do is “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ”. If one does this he/she is free to live as they please unconcerned with the 400+ commands of God in the New Testament. (James 1:22; 2:14-26; Mark 1:14-15; Matt 7:21-23; 12:50; John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10; 1 John 2:3-4; 3:1-10; 5:1-3; 1 Peter 4:2)