



When there is confusion about the Word of God in the people of God, it causes doubt in the promises of God.

Doubt causes unbelief. Unbelief causes defeat. An example of this is in Hebrews 3:12. It says the children of Israel did not take possession of the Promised Land because of their unbelief.

There is a lot of confusion in the church about what the Word of God says about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This confusion has been created by teachings that contradict the true gospel that Jesus and the apostles taught the early church. These false teachings are like a virus that has infected the minds and the hearts of many church members.

This morning we want to expose these false teachings and dismantle them! We are going to share with you **ten lies** that are being taught to the church that are undermining its faith in the true gospel.

### BRANDON

- **Lie Number One: To be justified before God, I must obey God's moral laws and do good works.**

**To be justified means to be innocent of sin; to be just or righteous.**

**Universally accepted truth:** I am not a perfect person.

**Common misconception:** I can work my way back to right standing with God by doing good works.

**Reality:** It was not a lack of good works that separated me from God. It was my sin. Once I have sinned, I cannot take it back. Sin separates me from God, not a lack of good works.

Romans 3:21-24

21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,  
22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;  
23 for all have **sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,  
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Galatians 3:11

11 But that **no one is justified by the law** in the sight of God is evident, for "**the just shall live by faith.**"

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For **by grace you have been saved through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,  
9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

**JERRY**

- **Lie Number Two: I am just a sinner saved by grace.**

2 Corinthians 5:17

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.  
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**BRANDON**

- **Lie Number Three: I will always be a slave to sin until I die.**

**Truth:** If you are in Christ, you have already died to sin.

Romans 6:1-2

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?  
2 Certainly not! How shall **we who died to sin** live any longer in it?

Romans 8:2

2 For the **law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has **made me free from the law of sin and death.**

Galatians 5:1

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and **do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

**JERRY**

- **Lie number four: I have a sinful nature.**

Ephesians 2:1-3

2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,  
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and **were by nature children of wrath**, just as the others.

2 Peter 1:2-4

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

11 **And such were some of you.** But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

There is no scripture that says I still have a sinful or evil nature.

## BRANDON

- **Lie Number Five: I have a sinful nature and a righteous nature that are at war with one another.**

Lie #4: I have a sinful nature. Truth: I am a partaker of the divine nature!  
So what wars within me? Why do I still struggle with sin? Fair question.

Matthew 26:41

41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

John 6:63

3 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

Galatians 5:16-17

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

- Good dog / bad dog
- Blue flame / red flame

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

## JERRY

- **Lie Number Six: I am new man in Christ, but my old man is still alive.**

Romans 6:3-7

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,  
6 knowing this, **that our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.  
7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Galatians 2:20

20 **I have been crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; **and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Colossians 3:1-4

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 **For you died**, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

## BRANDON

- **Lie Number Seven: I can defeat sin just by doing the good works of...**
  1. Going to church
  2. Reading my bible
  3. Prayer
  4. Serving others
  5. Avoiding temptation

This lie was so strong in my life. I believed that “walking in the Spirit” meant doing spiritual disciplines and good works.

Galatians 3:2-3

2 This only I want to learn from you: **Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the ***Spirit***, are you now being made perfect by the ***flesh***?

Romans 6:8-11

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,  
9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.  
10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Battle with pornography. You fill in the blank with your sin battle. EXAMPLE.

Romans 8:12-14

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors — not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Galatians 5:16

6 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:24-25

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Colossians 2:6-10

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the **faith**, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;

10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

To defeat sin, you must believe that you are one with God and that you have the life of Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

## JERRY

- **Lie Number Eight: To overcome the temptation to sin we must deny our self.**

Matthew 16:24

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

The word deny means to disown. Example: Peter denied Jesus three times. (Matthew 26:69-75) Denying Jesus meant he disowned his identity as a disciple of Jesus.

To become His disciple, Jesus said we must disown ourselves.

To deny yourself means to reject your current identity so that you take on the new identity Jesus has for you. This interpretation of deny is consistent with what Jesus said to Nicodemus, you must be born again. (John 3:3-8)

The teaching of Jesus to deny yourself has nothing to do with denying yourself the pleasures of sin.

The apostles of Jesus never used the word deny or this phrase "deny yourself" as an admonition to the church on how to deal with sin.

When tempted to sin, they used the word flee to describe how Christians should deal with temptations to sin.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 10:14

4 Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 Timothy 6:10-11

10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But you, O man of God, **flee** these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

2 Timothy 2:22

22 **Flee** also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

The word flee means to run away. It means to escape. It is why Paul said this to the church at Corinth.

1 Cor 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make **the way of escape**, that you may be able to bear it.

The apostles also told the church to lay aside sins...

1 Peter 2:1

2 Therefore, **laying aside** all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking,

To lay aside means to cast off; to put off; to put away; to discard.

Why did the apostles teach the church to deal with sin by fleeing or laying it aside and not by denying themselves?

They based their admonition to flee on the truth that the members of the church were...

- Born again of the Spirit of God
- Temples of the Holy Spirit
- Partakers of God's divine nature
- New creations in Christ

To tell the church to deal with sin by denying themselves would contradict what they believed about the gospel and their new identity in Christ.

They taught the church that each battle with sin is won by faith in Jesus in them!

Colossians 1:24-29

24 I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, **and fill up in my flesh** what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church,

25 of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God,

26 the ***mystery*** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may **present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.**

29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

### BRANDON

- **Lie Number Nine: To receive the Holy Spirit, Christians must believe upon on Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and then make a second decision to receive the Holy Spirit.**

Acts 2:37-39

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

38 Then Peter said to them, "**Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Ephesians 1:13-14

3 In Him you also trusted, **after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,**

14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Paul tells his disciple that the cleansing of their sins and their new life in Jesus are both the result of the work of the Holy Spirit:

Titus 3:4-7

4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,  
5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy  
**He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,**

6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,  
7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

When we receive Jesus, we receive His Spirit. We are in Christ and He is in us. What can grow and change is our faith in what it means for Christ to be in us.

### **JERRY**

- **Lie number ten: God is holy, and I am not.**

Revelation 4:8-11

8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!**"

9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

11 "**You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created.**"

God is God and we are not. His divine attributes separate Him from all other living beings that He created.

But we are made holy by God through Jesus.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

Colossians 1:27-29

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may **present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.**

29 To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

Jesus in us is the mystery that makes us righteous and holy! He is our hope of glory!

**The gospel we believe determines the lives we live.  
The gospel we preach determines the disciples we will make.**

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