

## ML102 The Love of the Truth

Paul wrote that some perish because they “*receive not the love of the truth*” [2Th 2:10]. You can love truth and yet not have “*the love of the truth*.” You can love one truth, dislike another, and even detest another.

For example, those who hear and believe the Gospel love that “*Jesus died for their sins*.” This is our first love [Re 2:4.] When you love this truth, you take up your cross daily and follow Jesus. However, not all continue to follow Jesus through the trials that lie ahead. The cares of this life overcome many [Lk 21:34]. Others go a little further, but “*the pride of life*” leads them into legalism and self-righteousness. Being deceived, they love their own works and become enemies of the Gospel.

Notice that “*the love of the truth*” doesn’t come because you believe the Gospel. You must love truth no matter what the cost. You can only receive what God gives. And we know God will give “*the love of the truth*” to any believer because He doesn’t respect persons. It appears, therefore, that other factors govern the measure of the love for truth that each of us receives.

Here’s the conclusion: Those who receive “*the love of the truth*” don’t care what the truth is — they just want truth. These believers are open to hear what you believe, but they are careful to “*buy the truth and sell it not*” [Pr 23:23].

They are eager to forsake anything they believe when proven wrong. They are thankful to anyone who points out errors in their doctrines. Their love for the truth is so great that they welcome others who try to disprove their doctrines.

So then, those who have “*the love of the truth*” are not offended when someone challenges their doctrines. They seek the truth, yet they are not easily swayed. So then, if you have received “*the love of the truth*” you are always willing to be wrong.

The love of the truth is perhaps the most precious tool in your Toolbox. This love leads you to increase your knowledge of truths. It agrees with the “*Law of Assets*” [my title]: “*For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath*” [Mt 13:12].

By itself, however, the love of the truth does not increase how much truth you receive. For example, suppose you received the love of the truth today. You may not have enough time to learn the answer to a troublesome question by tomorrow.

But suppose you received the love of the truth 5 years ago, and you allowed this love to lead you into a continual search for more truths. You may learn the answers to other hard questions beforehand.

Even if you do not have the answer before you need it, your hours of study will have given you enough tools to find the answer sooner than later. If not, and none of your brethren knows the answer, you might make the wrong decision and suffer some undesirable consequences.

We are entering a new era. The up-side-down world we live in now will shortly turn right-side-up. Afterward, the world will enter an era of peace and prosperity, and sicknesses will all but disappear. “*The Life and Times of the Seven Mountains*,” ET102, includes this new era.

But, as this new era ends, the last seven years [Daniel’s Week] will begin. At the start of this week, God will send a strong delusion [2Th 2:10-11] to weed out those who have not received the love of the truth.

2Th 2:10: ...because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe **a lie**:

The last 2 words in V11 [*a lie*] should be “*the lie*.” [See “*The Zondervan Parallel New Testament In Greek and English*.”] The lie will be that Jesus was not and is not the Son of God. Those who have not received “*the love of the truth*” will deny that Jesus is the Christ and believe that the *man of sin* is the Jewish Messiah.

Then, near the end of this 7-year-week, the disciples of the man of sin, who will claim to have become immortal, will deceive the 5 foolish virgins whose lamps have gone out [Mt 25:1-13]. As this parable teaches, they will be left behind because of their ignorance of the truth.

Not directly; they will miss the Rapture because they will not have received the love of the truth early enough to learn one specific truth before the “*need to know*” arises.

God will hide the “*Ten Virgins*” in a place of safety during the great tribulation [Mt 25:1-13]. The woman in Re 12:6 and Re 12:14 represents these virgins. These virgins will watch as God’s prophets smite the earth with plagues [Re 11:3-6].

But when the great tribulation ends, the ministry of God’s prophets will end and the ministry of the Antichrist’s prophets will begin. These deceivers will claim to have become immortal (Mt 24:23) and their fake signs and wonders (Mr 13:22) will deceive the 5 foolish virgins (Mt 25:1-13). Not having received the love of the truth (that Jesus was and is the true Messiah), they will deny the Lord and will be left behind in the Rapture.

~~Here’s a test. If you do not know what Mt. 24:23-24 says, and you didn’t decide to read this text as soon as you finished this lesson, you probably have not received the love of the truth.~~

The First Post Date [FPD] of this lesson was 03/01/17. I added some points concerning two future times when each

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believer will need to have received *“the love of the truth.”* That Last Post Date [LPD] was 09/01/23.

As I awoke this morning [10/17/23], the Lord revealed something I overlooked for many years. Earlier in this lesson, I mention that *“a lie”* in 2Th 2:11 should be *“the lie,”* which is: *“Jesus was not and is not the true Messiah.”* I ended that with this: *“Those who have not received “the love of the truth” will deny that Jesus is the Christ and believe the man of sin is the Jewish Messiah.”*

That’s correct, but I made a mistake concerning Paul’s intent in his use of **the** in *“love of **the** truth”* [2Th 2:10] and of his use of the adjective **the** in 2Th 2:12.

What I overlooked is Paul’s intent in those two verses. He wrote of one specific truth, i.e., that *“Jesus Christ was and is the true Messiah.”* I saw his intent as generic for *“the whole word of God.”* My mistake, although most of those teachings are correct because that generic view remains true. [One view that is not true is in the last full paragraph of Page-1. Notice the strikes through that paragraph.

Now, I included Paul’s Rapture Lesson [2Th 1:12] in its entirety so I could point out some other truths that bare repeating. But first, here are some points about the pattern [D1-D7b] you see in Paul’s Rapture Lesson.

As far as I have been able to tell, the entire bible consists of a long series of bible stories. The 10 “God said commands” in Genesis-1 create the pattern that divides every bible story into 10 parts. There are 10 parts because Creative Days 3, 6 and 7 have two parts each.

This 10-part pattern causes all stories to have specific beginnings and endings. Separating each story from those before and after it narrows the students’ focus. The result is a more precise understanding of the writer’s intents.

Paul consoles the saints concerning sufferings during persecution in the story before his Rapture Lesson, [2Th 1:1-12]. That story relates to this one because the *man of sin* [V3] will persecute the saints during the 2nd half of Daniel’s Week. Also, the story that follows Paul’s Rapture Lesson also relates via his follow-up subjects [2Th 2:13-3:17]. All 3 stories relate to one another, but each one stands alone in certain ways. These include 2 of the 8 basic parts of speech, adjectives and pronouns.

Earlier, I dealt with the article adjectives *“a”* and *“the”* in V10, V11, and V12. Having separated Paul’s Rapture Lesson from the stories before and after it, the student should not look outside this lesson for the applications of these 2 adjectives.

The same is true of the pronoun *“he,”* used once in V6 and twice in V7. Dealing with *he* in V6 - the word *“revealed”* in V3

Paul's Rapture Lesson	
Concerning the Day of Christ	
D 1	2Th 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, & by our gathering together unto him,
D 2	2Th 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.
Warning against Deception	
D 3 a	2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, & that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;
D 3 b	2Th 2:4 Who opposeth & exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.
He who now Hinders, will Hinder	
D 4	2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? <b>2:6</b> And now ye know what withholdeth that <b>he</b> might be revealed in his time. <b>2:7</b> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only <b>he</b> who now letteth will let, until <b>he</b> be taken out of the way.
D 5	2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, & shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
The Rapture after the Week	
D 6 a	2Th 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power & signs & lying wonders,
D 6 b	2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not <u>the love of the truth</u> , that they might be saved.
God's Strong Delusion	
7 a	2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should <i>believe a [the] lie</i> :
7 b	2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not <b>the</b> truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

and V6 shows the *he* in V6 to be the *man of sin*.

However, some students see the pronoun *he*, used twice in V7, as the Holy Spirit. Now, good writers always use nouns before their pronouns, and God, Who inspired Paul’s nouns and pronouns, is the greatest of all writers.

Now, search V1-V6 and look for any mention of Holy Spirit. God is a Spirit, but He would have had Paul write *Spirit* before having him use the pronoun *he*. [Paul did use the noun spirit in V2, but the Holy Spirit would not have troubled the saints.]

You didn’t find the noun Spirit, but you did see the noun Christ. Here’s a simple question: In V7, *“What will prevent [stand in the way] of the man of sin’s claim to be the Messiah?”*

The *“he”* in V7 is Christ in the doctrine that *“Jesus is the Christ.”* Before the world can believe the Antichrist’s claim that he is the Messiah, he must persuade the world that Jesus was not the Messiah.

[Search Paul’s Rapture Story closely to see how its details answer the questions posed in this lesson.]