



SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES (Part 6)

“Deceiving Spirits & Doctrines of Demons”

Adolf Hitler said, “If you tell a lie loud enough and long enough the people will believe.” Hitler also said, “Let me control the textbooks, and I will control the state.”

In Christianity one might say, “Let me control the television/internet and I’ll control the Christian population.”

> TEXT: 1 TIMOTHY CH. 4 (a pastoral epistle)

(v1-5) Timothy / Pastor the “Great Apostasy” is coming!

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving; for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

(v6-11) Timothy / Pastor be a good servant of Jesus Christ!

If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.

(v12-16) Timothy / Pastor take heed to your ministry!

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

(v1a) “some will DEPART FROM THE FAITH” - The Greek word for “depart” is the source of the English word “apostatize,” and refers to someone moving away from an original position. These are **professing or nominal Christians who associate with those who truly believe the gospel**, but defect after believing lies and deception, **thus revealing their true nature as unconverted.**

> The Holy Spirit through the Scriptures has repeatedly warned of the danger of apostasy:

- Matthew 24:4-14 - And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

- Acts 20:29-31 - For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12 - Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

- Hebrews 3:12-15 - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

- 2 Peter 3:3 - knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

- 1 John 2:18 - Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the* Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.

- Jude 18 - how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.

(1b) "giving heed to DECEIVING SPIRITS" – These are demonic spirits, working through false teachers/false prophets who have left the truth and lead others to do the same. We must always remember that Satan is the master deceiver and he will always look for a well-intentioned preacher/pastor to indoctrinate with falsehoods and/or half-truths.

- John 8:44-45 - You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

- 1 John 4:1-6 - Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

(1c) **“and DOCTRINES OF DEMONS”** – An entire false religion (doctrine) can be established through doctrines of demons, that which is erroneous leading people away from the truth.

> **What is TRUE DOCTRINE?** A body of beliefs about God, man, Christ, the church, and other related concepts considered authoritative and thus worthy of acceptance by all members of the community of faith. Christ condemned the doctrine of the Pharisees because it was of human origin (Matthew 15:9; Mark 7:7).

- After Pentecost, Christian doctrine began to be systematized (**Acts 2:42 - *And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.***).

- Doctrinal instruction was given by special teachers (1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Galatians 6:6) to those who had responded to the gospel (Romans 6:17).

- **The earliest doctrine of the Christian church declared:**

(1) that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ (Acts 3:18);

(2) that God had raised Him from the dead (Acts 1:22; 2:24,32); and

(3) that salvation was by faith in His name (Acts 2:38,16).

- **These three truths were presented as a clear fulfillment of the promises of the Old Testament. Paul taught that TRUE DOCTRINE is essential for Christian growth:**

- *Ephesians 4:11-16 - **And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.***

- *1 Timothy 4:6 - **If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.***

- *1 Timothy 6:3-5 - **If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.***

*Titus 1:9 - **holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.***

- **False doctrine destroys the church** - *2 Timothy 4:3-5 - **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.*** (from Nelson's Bible Dictionary)

> Who will FALL PREY TO FALSE DOCTRINE?

- **Those who DO NOT LOVE GOD!** - Deuteronomy 13:1-3 - "*If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' — which you have not known — 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*

- **Those who have an EVIL HEART OF UNBELIEF!** – Hebrews 3:12-14 - *Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,*

- **Those who won't believe in the 2ND COMING OF CHRIST!** – 2 Peter 3:1-10

- **Those who WALK ACCORDING TO THEIR UNGODLY LUSTS!** – Jude 17-21 - *But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts.*

- **Those who won't believe in CREATION!** – Romans 1:16-32

- **Those who won't LOVE THE TRUTH!** – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

> Remember the devil will always attack the following doctrines:

D – DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

O – OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD

C – JESUS IS THE ONE & ONLY CHRIST

T – THE TRINITY

R – REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

I – INFALLIBILITY OF THE BIBLE

N – SALVATION THROUGH THE "NEW BIRTH"

E – ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

(v2) "*seared conscience*" – A medical term referring to cauterization.

(v3-5) "*abstaining from foods*" – False religion, (Colossians 2:20-23), Receive & Pray.

(v6-11) **ALWAYS PRACTICE THE THREE-FOLD DOCTRINE TEST:**

#1- Did Jesus teach or practice it in the Gospels?

#2 – Was it taught & practiced in the Book of Acts?

#3 – Are we given instructions through the Epistles (Romans – Revelation).

> CALVARY CHAPEL PEARL HARBOR STATEMENT OF FAITH:

Romans 10:17 - *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

- **THE TRIUNE GOD** - We affirm our belief in one God, infinite Spirit, creator, and sustainer of all things, who exists eternally in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. These three are one in essence but distinct in person and function. (Deut. 4:35; 6:4; Isa 44:5-8)

- **GOD THE FATHER** - We affirm that the Father is the first person of the Triune Godhead and the source of all that God is and does. From Him the Son is eternally generated and from Them the Spirit eternally proceeds. He is the designer of creation, the speaker of revelation, the author of redemption, and the sovereign of history. (Gen 1:26; 3:22; Is 48:16; Matt. 28:18–19; Mark 12:29; John 1:14; Acts 5:3–4; 2 Cor. 13:14; Tit 3:4-7; Heb. 1:1–3; Rev. 1:4–6)

- **GOD THE SON** - We affirm that the Lord Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, eternally begotten from the Father. He is God. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary through a miracle of the Holy Spirit. He lives forever as perfect God and perfect man: two distinct natures inseparably united in one person. (Matt 1:22, 23; John 1:1, 2, 14; Phil 2:6, 7; Col 1:15-20; Rom 5:9; Titus 2:13; 1 John 5:20)

- **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT** - We affirm that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, proceeding from the Father and the Son and equal in deity. He is the giver of all life, active in the creating and ordering of the universe; He is the agent of inspiration and the new birth; He restrains sin and Satan; and He baptizes simultaneous to salvation, indwells and sanctifies all believers. We affirm that the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to every believer for the edification of the body of Christ and that these gifts are distributed by God's sovereign design. (Mt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:11, 18; 2 Cor. 3:18; 1 Cor. 6:19; 12:13; Eph 1:13; Tit 3:5; 1 Pet 1:2; 1 Cor. 12:1-31)

- **THE SCRIPTURE** - We affirm that the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, though written by men, was supernaturally inspired by God so that all its words are the written true revelation of God; it is therefore inerrant in the originals and authoritative in all matters. It is to be understood by all believers through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, its meaning determined by the historical, grammatical, and literary use of the author's language, comparing Scripture with Scripture. We believe that God's Word has been preserved in many translations throughout the world (Ps 119:160; Jer. 15:16; Ps 19:7-11; Zech 7:12; Mt. 24:35; John 10:35, John 17:17; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:3-4, 2 Pet 1:20, 21)

- **CREATION** - We affirm that all things were created by God. Angels were created as ministering agents, though some, under the leadership of Satan, fell from their sinless state to become agents of evil. The universe was created in six literal days and is continuously sustained by God; thus it both reflects His glory and reveals His truth. Human beings were directly created, not evolved, in the very image of God. As reasoning moral agents, they are responsible under God for understanding and governing themselves and the world. (Gen. 1:1; Gen 1:1-31; Gen 2:1-3; 18-25; Ex 20:11; Ps 90:2; 148:1-5; Is 14:12-14; Ezek 28:12-17; Luke 10:18; Rev. 12:8-10; Gen 3:14,15; Gen 3:1-19; Rom 1:20; Eph 3:9; Ps 8:3; 19:1; Heb 1:3; 11:3; Heb 1:14; Rev 7:11-12; Job 1:6-7; Luke 10:18; Col 2:15; Heb 1:6,14)

- **MAN** - We affirm that man was created in the image of God having personality (ability to think, decide and feel). We affirm that Adam, the first man, willfully disobeyed God, bringing sin and death into the world. As a result, all persons are sinners from conception, which is evidenced in their willful acts of sin; and they are therefore subject to eternal punishment, under the just condemnation of a holy God. (Gen 1:26, 27; Rom 3:10-23; Eph 2:1, 2; 2 Cor. 5:17)

- **THE WORK OF CHRIST** - We affirm that Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice by the appointment of the Father. He fulfilled the demands of God by His obedient life, died on the cross in full substitution and payment for the sins of all, was buried, and on the third day He arose physically and bodily from the dead. He ascended into heaven where He now intercedes for all believers. (1 Pet. 3:18; Rom. 3:24; 1 Cor. 15:3-5; Rom. 8:34; 1 Jn 2:1, 2)

- **SALVATION** - We affirm that each person can be saved only through the work of Jesus Christ by faith alone in Him as Lord and Savior. The believer is declared righteous, born again by the Holy Spirit, forgiven of all sin, and assured of heaven. (John 1:12,13; Acts 16:31; Rom 3:21-25; Eph 1:7, 1 John 2:2; 2 Peter 3:9; Eph 2:1, 2; Rom 5:18; 6:23, 2 Cor. 9:15, Tit 3:3-8; Jn. 6:37-49; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38, 39; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:5)

- **SANCTIFICATION** - We affirm that the Holy Spirit indwells all who are born again conforming them to the likeness of Jesus Christ. This is a process completed only in Heaven. Every believer is responsible to live in obedience to the Word of God in separation from sin. (1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11; John 17:17; 2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1; Eph. 4:24; 5:25-27; 1 Thess. 5:23; Phil 2:12; 13; Heb. 10:10, 14; 12:10; Rom 6-8; Gal 5:16-24; Eph 4:21-24; 1 John 3:1-3; Eph 5:26-27; Jude 24-35; Father: John 15:2; John 17:17; 1 Thess. 5:23; Christ: Gal 2:20; Eph 5:26-27; Col. 1:22; Heb 13:12; Heb 2:11; Heb 10:10; Holy Spirit: 2 Cor. 3:18; Rom 8:13; Eph 1:17; Rom 5:5; Gal 5:22-23)

- **THE CHURCH** - We affirm that the universal church is the body of Christ composed of all born again believers. We affirm that a local church is an assembly of baptized believers, under the discipline of the Word of God and the lordship of Christ, organized to carry out the commission to evangelize, to teach, and to administer the ordinances of believer's baptism and the Lord's Table. It functions through the ministry of gifts given by the Holy Spirit to each believer. (Matt 28:18-20; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 1:2; 11:23-26)

- **MARRIAGE** – We affirm that marriage is exclusively the legal union of one genetic male and one genetic female and that this union is evidenced by marriage ceremony. We also affirm that legitimate biblical sexual relations are exercised solely within marriage. Hence, sexual activities such as, but not limited to, adultery, fornication, pre-marital sex, incest, polygamy, homosexuality, transgenderism, bisexuality, cross dressing, pedophilia and bestiality are inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible and the Church. Further, lascivious behavior, the creation, viewing and/or distribution of pornography and efforts to alter one's physical gender or gender related appearance are incompatible with a true biblical witness. (Genesis 2:24; 1 Corinthians 5:11; 6:9; 6:18-20; 7:1-3; 7:8-9; Romans 1:18-32).

- **HUMAN LIFE** - We affirm that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life. (Psalm 139:1-24; Romans 13:9; Proverbs 24:11-12)

- **FUTURE THINGS** - We affirm that the return of Christ for all believers is imminent. It will be followed by seven years of great tribulation, and then the coming of Christ to establish His earthly kingdom for a thousand years. The unsaved will then be raised and judged according to their works and separated forever from God in hell. The saved, having been raised, will live forever in heaven in fellowship with God. (Rev 20:1-7; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Tit 2:13, 14; Rev 19:11-21; 20:1-15; Mt. 25:46; Jn. 5:28, 29; 11:25, 26; Rev. 20:5, 6, 12, 13)

- **WITNESS AND SERVICE** - We affirm the responsibility of each believer, motivated by the love of Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, to witness for Christ, that the Great Commandment and the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ to give the Gospel to every creature throughout the world are still incumbent on every believer. We believe in the will, power and providence of God to meet our every need in His service likewise to live sacrificially for the proclamation of the Gospel into the entire world. (Matt 6:33; Matt 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 9:6-8; Phil 4:19)

- **FINAL AUTHORITY OF MATTERS AND CONDUCT** – The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our beliefs. The Bible itself, as the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of mankind, is the sole and final source of all that we believe. For purposes of Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor’s faith doctrine, practice, policy, and discipline, our pastors are the Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor’s final interpretive authority on the Bible’s meaning and application.

(v12) **LET’S DEVELOP SIX ATTRIBUTES FOR A SOLID CHRISTIAN LIFE IN:**

(1) ***WORD – Christ communication!***

(2) ***CONDUCT – Christ life!***

(3) ***LOVE – Christ commandments! (Love God – Love one another.)***

(4) ***SPIRIT – Christ inspiration!***

(5) ***FAITH – Christ prayer!***

(6) ***PURITY – Christ holiness!***

- ***Jesus said in Luke 9:23-24 - "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.***

(v13-16) **Every Pastor must give attention to:**

READING—EXHORTATION—DOCTRINE = TRUE SALVATION!!!

Warren Wiersbe writes, “As good ministers, we preach the Word; as godly ministers, we practice the Word; as growing ministers, we progress in the Word.”