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• **John 18:37-38** - ³⁷ Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

Jesus – Our Foundation

• Matthew 7:24-27 - ²⁴ "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."



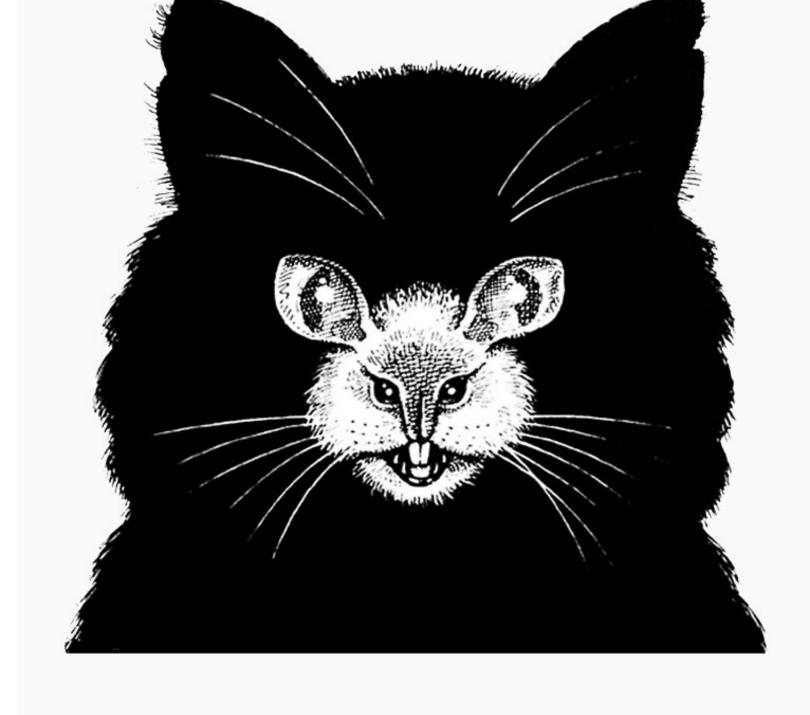
The Paradigm Shift – Post Modernism

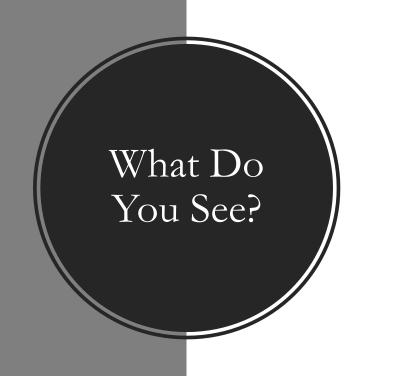
God's word is stable – Never changing – Always True

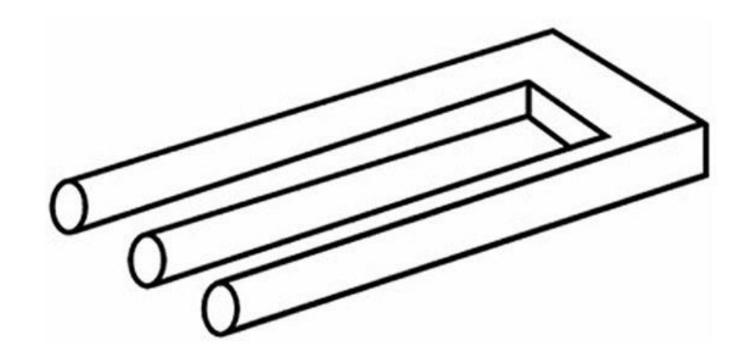
- **Psalm 119:89** ⁸⁹ Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.
- **Isaiah 55:11** ...so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- Matthew 24:35 ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Devil's Deception Best Lies Have A Grain of Truth

What Do You See?







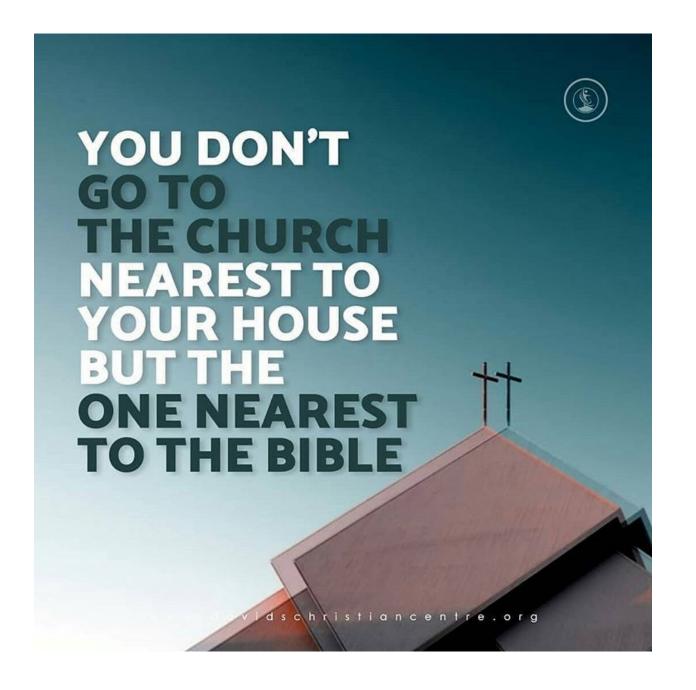
Twisting the Scriptures



Devil – Father of Lies

• **John 8:43-45** - ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

It Matters
Where We
Attend
Church



Stand Strong in Your Faith in Jesus

• **Hebrews 13:8** - ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

• 2 Corinthians 2:11 - ¹¹ Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. (KJV)

Spiritual Discernment Finding The Truth

Walk As Children of the Light

• Ephesians 5:6-11 - ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.

3 Rules for Discerning Truth

- 1. Will This Honor and Glorify God and Jesus?
- 2. Does This Affirm and Comply With the Totality of the Holy Scriptures?
- 3. Does This Strengthen and Edify the Church/Body of Christ?

Know the Truth

• 1 John 1:21 - ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

• 1 John 4:6 - ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

God's Wisdom vs Worldly Wisdom

• James 3:14-18 - ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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• **John 4:34-35** - ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest."

True to God's Truth

• 2 Corinthians 4:1-3 - Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.