#### MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE

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### 1 John 2:15-17

15 Do <u>not love the world</u> or the <u>things</u> in the <u>world</u>. If <u>anyone loves the world</u>, the <u>love</u> of the <u>Father</u> is <u>not in him</u>.

16 For <u>all that</u> is <u>in the world</u> (not speaking of the earth or God's Kingdom, but the world's culture and man's systems) —the <u>lust</u> of <u>the flesh</u>, the <u>lust</u> of the <u>eyes</u>, and <u>the pride of life</u>—is <u>not</u> of the <u>Father but</u> is of the <u>world</u>.

17 And <u>the world is passing away</u> (Christ overcame it), and <u>the lust of it</u> (overcame the works of the devil also); but <u>he</u> who <u>does the will of God</u> <u>abides forever</u>. (Let's be one of these!)

The world is not of God as we can see in verse 15 and neither are the things found in the world! No matter how beautiful, and well designed, powerful or useful the world's creations seem, they have all been formulated by the world's tainted knowledge introduced by Satan to mankind through Eve. Everything in the world is therefore inferior, and a waste of our time and effort! It is really strange, Satan's knowledge is incapable of any true measure of perfection as he himself is imperfect yet man craves them and wonder why they are less than satisfying! Go figure! Mankind says I want this, I need that, only to find out the object of their desire is flawed and not fun anymore! You

see the problems is we were originally created to want and even expect perfection. Our Creator is perfect as is everything He created in its original state. No matter how hard Satan tries though he cannot attain God's perfection! That doesn't seem to stop humanity however. We still continue to chase after the world's pleasures and inventions! And, speaking of chasing or lusting after the things of the world, first understand the word lust means to crave or have a strong desire for something. It's not just the attitude I want, it is I need or have to have! It is also the main force behind most of the world's activities! Those that partake in them are watched closely by the enemy for sure and to the degree they are pleasing to Satan's lifestyle they are rewarded with money, sex and power. You see, this is the world's idea of success! All that is needed to achieve these wonderful blessings is to live by Satan's rules and allow yourself to be conformed to his world! Easy!

This is why Jesus said at Matthew 19:24,

24 And again I say to you, it is <u>easier</u> for <u>a camel</u> to <u>go through the eye of a needle</u> than for <u>a rich man</u> to <u>enter the kingdom</u> of <u>God</u>." (There is nothing wrong with being wealthy, but what did he do to achieve his goals? Jesus knew!)

Matthew 7:13 warns,

13 "Enter by the narrow gate (the gate to eternity); for wide is the gate and

broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. (Those that can really lay the world's treasures and pleasures down completely are few.)

## **Romans 12:2**

2 And <u>do not be conformed to this world</u>, but be <u>transformed by</u> the <u>renewing of your mind</u> (the world's knowledge prepares us for the world, God's prepares us for His Kingdom), that <u>you</u> may <u>prove</u> what is that <u>good</u> and <u>acceptable</u> and <u>perfect will of God</u>.

Jesus said pray, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done." We cannot walk in God's will however while feeding the world's knowledge constantly to our minds. Knowledge from the tree of good and evil bears the fruit of rebellion, those that eat of it are automatically not inclined to walk in God's will! Since our opening scripture seems to reveal the avenue the enemy takes us down to lure us to the broader road leading to his kingdom, let us look at it closer and dissect it so we are not fooled by him. Hopefully as we do, many answers to our personal problems will be solved also, or at least we will understand where they come from. We have already seen why the world's things make us happy for a little while then just become a source of frustration, discontentment and disappointment.

So let us look again at love of the world from a different perspective.

Scripture tells us the things found in the world are not of God so our involvement with them always leads to insurrection against the law of God. Everything in the world is designed by its founder to cleverly, though maybe innocently on our part, cause us to be at odds with the Lord. Many love the world's churches for instance, and are loyal to a particular denomination, but just ask yourself, how much false doctrine am I being fed? Is there an acceptance of loose morals, tolerated perhaps because of their love of money? Good tithers get away with murder you know! If these things are accepted by your organization they are causing or allowing you to be at odds with God, hindering the establishment of His Kingdom and prolonging the restoration of the rest of creation! Think about it, all of creation is just as abused and the victim of the enemy's attack as is man!

#### **Romans 8:19-21**

19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God (those that walk in God's law and are set free by truth from the world).

20 For the <u>creation</u> was <u>subjected to futility</u>, <u>not willingly</u>, but because of <u>Him</u> (God) who <u>subjected it in hope</u>; (In hope we would see the need for His knowledge and Wisdom and see the need for Him to intervene.)

21 <u>because</u> the <u>creation itself</u> <u>also</u> will <u>be delivered</u> from the <u>bondage of</u> <u>corruption</u> into <u>the glorious liberty</u> of the <u>children</u> of <u>God</u>.

I don't know about you, but I would love to see the restoration of all creation! To see them renewed physically, mentally, emotionally and to witness God's will being carried out across the earth would be awesome! To see His people demonstrating their love for God and loyalty to His desires and perfect obedience to His laws would be fantastic! This brings up another false doctrine. Do not believe the church that teaches we are not under the law. We better be! He wrote them on our hearts and minds for a good reason!

Jeremiah 31:31-33 prophesied of this time thousands of years ago to make sure we are not taught wrongly and end up missing His plan for restoration.

31 "Behold, the days are coming (the end days), says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel (remember, those born through Christ are the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and with the house of Judah— (God's government)

- 32 **not** according to **the covenant** that **I made** with their **fathers** in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them <u>out</u> of the <u>land of Egypt</u> (or the law given to Moses on the mountain), <u>My covenant</u> which <u>they broke</u>, though I was a <u>husband to them</u>, says the <u>Lord</u>.
- 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after

those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. (Would we really want to ignore these laws?)

**Hebrews 10:16** is the fulfillment of that prophecy.

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days (the days of the two witnesses, Judaism and Christianity), says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

The laws of God you see are guidelines to help us walk worthy of the vocation we were called to. When we make a mistake or are about to, the Spirit of conviction can bring the law to our attention and detour us from the broad road that leads to the world. See how the false doctrine that teaches us we are not under the law can ruin our walk with God? We are not under the Mosaic law for sure, but we are most definitely under the spiritual law of God if we are His covenant people! So can you see how dangerous the love of the world, even dedication to their churches, can be? Fancy cars, extravagant homes beyond our budgets can put us in debt up to our ears when God says owe no man anything but love! Again we break God's law! And what about trendy clothes that will make it hard for the angels to detect which kingdom we belong to when God harvests the earth!

### **Matthew 13:27-29**

- 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
- 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'
- 29 But <u>he said</u>, 'No, <u>lest while you gather up the tares</u> you also <u>uproot</u> the <u>wheat with them</u> (this is why the wicked have been allowed to remain).

Again, the world's ways are so dangerous and these things lead to greater offenses like the aforementioned lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life! You see, when we dabble in the world's pleasures our playing field is the devil's ballpark, not the Kingdom of God! The people we meet there are certainly not good company for a man or woman of God either!

# I Corinthians 15:33-34 tells us,

- 33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."
- 34 <u>Awake</u> to <u>righteousness</u>, and do <u>not sin</u>; for <u>some</u> <u>do not have the</u> <u>knowledge of God</u>. I speak this to <u>your shame</u> (for joining in their sin and not setting an example that would maybe change them).

## I Corinthians 5:11

11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a

**brother** (a person that is a part of your spiritual family), who is **sexually immoral** (much hypocrisy goes on in today's religious circles), or <u>covetous</u> (wish to possess the best, pride of life), or an <u>idolater</u> (one who loves the world's idols, looks up to the world's icons), or a <u>reviler</u> (party people), or a <u>drunkard</u> (addicted to alcohol), or an <u>extortioner</u> (coerce someone out of something) —<u>not even</u> to <u>eat</u> with <u>such a person</u>. (Let alone accept them as leadership!)

So much unhappiness ending in divorce is prevalent in the world because we form relationships outside the Kingdom with people that could care less about the law of God, ones that do not even consider God's will before they exercise their own or have any appetite at all for God's knowledge!

Unfortunately having the desires of our soul man met and the satisfaction of the needs of our flesh completely meets the criteria of a worldly relationship and for the most part that is really all they are looking for!

Many times a relationship is based solely on a man or woman trying to meet the world's standards, wanting to measure up to what others expect of them at different phases of their life. The world dictates we must be married by our 20's, have children by the 30's etc. Trophy husbands or trophy wives are coveted also satisfying the pride of life and ego. So we can see all this twisted thinking that has stemmed from lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of

life is not only despised by God, but bound to fail! If children are conceived from this ill founded soulish relationship it will be next to impossible to raise them with Kingdom principals and their lives would be in danger of judgment at the Day of the Lord in these end times! Without being nourished on end time truth another generation of lawless worldly ones will spring up even worse than the generation before! History has proven this over and over. Society is at its worst today! It is so bad that the world's recommended methods of making things better cannot just be cleaned up either, their ways must be forgotten so people can change and do it God's way!

Lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and pride of life have shaped and molded natures with traits more fitting to the kingdom of darkness than the Kingdom of Light! These traits can be really hard to change! Our knee-jerk reactions that evolved from the world's knowledge embraces all the above characteristics and traits yet we happily continue to fill our minds with this foolish thinking and pay thousands of dollars to do it! Look at the money owed for student loans alone! And then look at the pride that exudes from college grads that have attained their doctorate! What a waste!

I Corinthians 3:19-20 explains what I mean.

19 For the <u>wisdom</u> of this <u>world</u> is <u>foolishness with God</u>. For it is written, "<u>He</u> catches the <u>wise</u> in their <u>own craftiness</u>"; (How many times have we

heard the statement, he is a very shrewd and cunning business person?)

20 and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." (Because the knowledge they so diligently lusted after was foolish and unfruitful.)

Now here is proof of where that wonderful knowledge came from.

Genesis 3:6 All the traits were there, set in place and ready to destroy man! 6 So when the woman saw (lust of the eye) that the tree was good for food (lust of the flesh), that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise (pride of life), she took of its fruit (Satan's knowledge) and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Adam and Eve were created holy, righteous, pure, blameless, with no bad habits. They were sinless so the enemy had no hold on them! Therefore no sickness, pain or sorrow could be inflicted on them, no devastating situation could overtake them. Their minds were fed pure clean waters of truth, the knowledge of God was always at their fingertips, but with one little bite of the enemy's wisdom they were no longer pure and perfect! It is a fact, no matter how sterile something is, one tiny drop of filth ruins it, it is tainted and unclean forever.

#### Hosea 4:6

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (lack of His Wisdom and knowledge that is). Because you have rejected knowledge (and chose the world's), I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God (over time God's knowledge and law were replaced with that of Satan through man), I also will forget your children (the children pay for the sins of the parents).

## II Thessalonians 2:10-12

10 and with all <u>unrighteous deception</u> among those who <u>perish</u> (or die), <u>because</u> (here is why) they did not <u>receive the love of the truth</u>, that they <u>might be saved</u>. (To love Jesus you must love the Word since He is the Word!)

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie (you will not die, same thing said to Eve),

12 that they all may be condemned (or damned as the old King James says) who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (There are those that can be taught truth, but they continue to do things their way regardless of God's law and will!)

I Corinthians 11:28-30 reveals another problem that arises from not loving and choosing God's knowledge.

- 28 But <u>let a man examine himself</u> (look within to see whose knowledge have I chosen?), and so <u>let him eat</u> of the <u>bread and drink of the cup</u> (or physically take communion).
- 29 For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner (because he seeks and eats the world's knowledge) eats and drinks judgment to himself (this you see was the original sin, choosing the wrong knowledge still brings death), not discerning the Lord's body. (Forgetting Jesus is the living waters, the Bread of Life, the Word of God!)
- 30 For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. (Our not choosing the knowledge of God and turning our back on the Word allows us to be attacked by the enemy and makes us ineligible, not worthy of becoming a part of the Body of Christ.)

# John 15:4 says,

4 <u>Abide</u> (or live) in <u>Me</u>, and <u>I</u> in <u>you</u>. As the branch cannot <u>bear fruit</u> of <u>itself</u>, <u>unless it abides in the vine</u>, <u>neither can you</u>, <u>unless you abide in Me</u>. (How can you abide in Christ, the Word of God, with the enemy's knowledge abiding or living in you?)

Understand therefore you are not a part of the body of Christ if you are composed of the knowledge of the world! Jesus is the pure Word of God, living waters of truth. He, the Word became human flesh for us, did he not?

We must as individuals become the word for Him, and unitedly manifest as the Body of Christ. The flesh of Christ is God's knowledge!

See why Satan has so many different beliefs and doctrines? We must therefore be united in truth, have one message, one language to become one flesh to make up the Lord's Body. Only the end time truth, or knowledge revealed for this age by the Holy Spirit can be the flesh that covers the holes in His hands and feet and restores the wound in His side. Scripture says He must be first in all things, so He must be the first to be restored, then can come the restoration of humanity, and finally all creation! So how does the knowledge of God reach His people so this can come about? He looses the knowledge contained in the scrolls to His revealers who in turn feed His under-shepherds. They feed the sheep in fulfillment of Isaiah 11:9.

## Isaiah 11:9

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, (now here is what changes things) for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Ephesians 4:12-13 tells us God uses the fivefold ministers to accomplish this. Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are equipped to train His newborn sacred seed to walk in His will and law, and grow to His image

and become members of the Body of Christ.

## **Ephesians 4:12-13**

12 <u>for the equipping of the saints</u> for the <u>work of ministry</u>, for the <u>edifying</u> of <u>the body of Christ</u>,

13 <u>till we all come</u> to the <u>unity</u> of the <u>faith</u> (one voice, one mission to produce one flesh) <u>and</u> of the <u>knowledge of the Son of God</u>, to <u>a perfect</u> <u>man</u> (that perfect man is the restored Body of Christ), to the <u>measure</u> of the <u>stature</u> of the <u>fullness of Christ</u> (the completed number of Body of Christ);

To be the Body of Christ or from a different perspective, be one with Him as His Bride, we must be led by Him, the Word, the knowledge of God. Let me show you something from the Strongs Concordance.

**1844** is the number of the word "knowledge". It is the only number listed where it speaks strictly of God's knowledge. In other words its only definition is ... **knowledge**.

3045 on the other hand is also interpreted "knowledge", but has very different meanings, some of which are: 3045 yada` yaw-dah' a primitive root; to know, to ascertain by seeing, observation, instruction, designation, punishment, acknowledge, acquaintance, advise, appoint, cunning (doesn't

sound like God does it?), <u>discern</u>, <u>endued</u> with, <u>famous</u> (pride?), <u>instruct</u>, <u>kinsfolk</u>, <u>take knowledge</u>, <u>have knowledge</u>, <u>make self known</u>, <u>be learned</u>, <u>lie by man</u>, <u>perceive</u>, <u>privy to</u>, <u>prognosticator</u>, <u>regard</u>, <u>skillful</u>, <u>can tell</u>, <u>understand</u>, <u>have understanding</u>, <u>wit</u>.

After reading the definitions of the word "knowledge" found in scripture pertaining only to the worldly things and never to God, let us look at the definition of the word **snake** or **serpent** to give us a deeper understanding of why it was such a horrible thing for Adam and Eve to choose the knowledge found at 3045. Number **3789**, number of the word snake or serpent in the Strongs Greek dictionary will show you similar definitions to the word knowledge that we saw in the knowledge 3045.

Snake or Serpent Greek **3789** <u>sharpness of vision</u>; a <u>snake</u>, <u>sly cunning</u> <u>artful malicious person</u>, <u>especially Satan</u>:--(oh wow!) <u>serpent</u>, from 3700 <u>to gaze</u> with <u>wide-open eyes</u>, as at something remarkable; an <u>earnest</u> <u>but more continued inspection</u>; a <u>watching from a distance</u>:

**3708** to stare at.

991 a primary verb; beware, lie.

**1492** to know: be aware, have knowledge (this is always speaking of the world's knowledge).

Much different than 2191, the Greek number of a simple snake, no other definition.

# Snake 2191 adder or other poisonous snake, viper.

See again why it is so very important to choose the correct knowledge? Look at all the goofy stories the church teaches about the snake in paradise or the garden. About as dumb as teaching Satan's wisdom was an apple! God's knowledge is pure truth with which you can live and build your life on. The other is clever, cunning, deceptive, aimed at shaping and molding mankind to fit the enemy's plan for his exaltation. Remember Satan, that old serpent of Revelation 12:9 said in Isaiah 14 he would be as God and truly he has led the whole world away from God and molded it to his own image.

In closing, when Adam and Eve chose Satan's knowledge they began to see things wrongly, their perspective on life changed completely in this realm. Their eyes saw evil for the first time and lust of the eyes was given birth! They saw they were naked and because of lust were ashamed. Now lust of the flesh was loosed on mankind and when Satan promised Eve she would be as God if she accepted his wisdom, self-centeredness and Pride of Life came into being for them! Because of their sin and rebellion, sickness, sorrow and death entered into the lives of mankind and all creation! To change things, to

reverse things, we must therefore individually determine to choose God's knowledge over that of the world. To appear as His children we must walk in His Wisdom, according to His knowledge, reflecting His image so a glimpse of God's Kingdom can be seen to give hope to mankind for restoration. This closing scripture is my prayer for all of God's born again, spirit-filled children.

# **Ephesians 1:17**

17 that the <u>God</u> of our <u>Lord Jesus Christ</u>, <u>the Father of glory</u>, may give to <u>you</u> the <u>spirit of wisdom and revelation</u> in the <u>knowledge of Him</u>,

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