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## Satan's Lies

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Everyone on the planet is hearing Satan's lies. These lies are everywhere. Some are blatant and many are very subtle. One subtle, popular lie is that teenagers can have "safe sex" by using protective devices. This sounds like it could be true but a little study would show that it is a huge lie. Many of those who desire to believe this lie, showing no interest in "seeking truth", suffer perilous and untold horror as they follow the lie.

A huge theological lie from Satan is that the great loving Father God of the universe has purposely planned that those who do not live with Him for all eternity in glory will instead "live" for ever in agony and torment in the flames of an ever burning "hell-fire". Strange as it may seem, millions know, by heart, a great verse in the Bible that would clear up this lie — yet they pass over it by focusing on another part of the verse.

*"...that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:15-16)*

Study these two verses for a minute or two and ask yourself, how can this support the idea of non-believers living for ever in an ever burning hell fire? Satan and those who promote his lies have been telling this lie for thousands of years and hence many have believed it to be true. All who truly want to follow Jesus the Christ should hunger and thirst after truth. They should test all major teachings against the verses in the Bible.

Three areas of the verses above reveal God's truth regarding "hell fire." The first area has us focus on "not perish" in verses 15 and 16. A complete study of the word "perish," as used in the New Testament writings, makes clear that to "perish" is to **DIE**, not continue to live in torment for ever and ever. See God's true plan for nonbelievers in Revelation chapter 21.

*"He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be*

*his God and he shall be My son." (Rev 21:7)*

NOTE: These are those who will have "everlasting life"!

*"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." (Rev 21:8)*

NOTE: This verse very clearly tells God's truth on this matter. The wicked will be thrown into the "lake of fire" which is the second death. What happens to the wicked is that they will be dead forever. There will be no resurrection from the second death. Jesus says (and all should strive to believe Him and disbelieve men who differ) in John three, verse sixteen that humans have either of **TWO DESTINYS**. The best is you get to live for ever. The worst is unrepentant sinners will end up dead **FOREVER**.

Look again at John 3:15 (above). The second area to discover truth in these verses is by looking at the word "but". Why is it there? Why did Jesus say "but"? It is obvious that Jesus is saying condition (a) is everlasting life..... "but" (or on the other hand) a second very different condition is (b) those who perish or (do not have everlasting life).

The third area to consider is "everlasting life." Jesus was saying that some will get everlasting life and some will perish. Those who perish do not receive everlasting life because they will be dead for all eternity.

Many do not see that (1) it is their job to evaluate scripture, (2) decide what God is saying to them and (3) to determine to follow and obey what they see. Sadly many of these people will be reminded that Jesus warned us all to let no man deceive us.

*... Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying,*

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*'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.* (Matt 24:4-5)

NOTE: If we are not prepared to study and decide scripture for ourselves we make it easy for those we follow to deceive us.

### JESUS PLANS TO CALL THE DEAD OUT OF THE GRAVES

Many believe that, at the moment of death, people go to one of two places. They think some go up to Heaven and others go down to Hell and go on living for ever. If this lie from Satan were true, there would be no one in the graves now. Jesus would be very embarrassed after calling people out of the graves to discover that no one came, because the graves have been empty all the time.

*"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice." (John 5:28)*  
*"and come forth; those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation."* (John 5:28-29)

### JESUS BRINGS TRUTH THAT SETS PEOPLE FREE

Our loving, Heavenly Father and His Son Jesus are super eager to welcome humans into their kingdom to live forever, but to do this, humans must break free of lies and deception. Jesus provides a way for us to be fully free from Satan's lying ways. See below:

*"Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* (John 8:31-32)

NOTE: In verse 31 above, Jesus reveals a part of how He makes people free. We need to (A) believe in Jesus, then (B) **STAY** in or **ABIDE** in (the **TRUE**) **WORD** of God. This makes people **DISCIPLES** of Christ.

Verse 32 above says that "believing" and "in the **WORD**" disciples will be coming to know more and more truth **AND** it is **KNOWING** God's truth that will be making people **FREE** of Satan's world of lies.

From what, does Jesus want people to be free? See the next verse:

*"Jesus answered them, Most assuredly, I say to you,*

*whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever."* (John 8:35)

NOTE: If we have believed Satan's lies and are lawless towards God's commandments, we habitually sin (like violating Leviticus, chapter 23), even if we don't think of it that way. (Verse 35 above is another reference to being "dead" **FOREVER**.)

*"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."* (John 8:36)

NOTE: How does Jesus make people **FREE**? See verse 31 and 32 above.

Jesus is saying we can be free from Satan's lies and from being **SLAVES TO SIN**. Jesus wants to free everyone from sin and the eternal death penalty of sin. He has provided the way for people to follow His teachings that will lead out of the bondage of sin (Satan's darkness based on lies) into the glorious light of the kingdom of God (the way of Truth). What is this way?

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The Way is simply to "abide in Jesus's word" (the truth) and to continually reject Satan's lies. By following this way we will be **SET FREE**.

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