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Episode 86
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Topic: Beware of False Doctrines - Walk in the Spirit

Recap of series

Part 1 - Episode 82 - Love - Fruit of the Spirit. WOAC highlighted that all the other fruits are birthed from the Love of God 1 Cor 13.7 Love believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Part 2 - Episode 83 Joy,Peace, Gentleness - Fruits of the Spirit. WOAC highlighted the importance of Abiding in the vine - John 15:4-9 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Part 3 - Episode 84 - Goodness, Kindness, Patience - Fruits of the Spirit. WOAC highlighted Dying to self - Why do we need to die to self?

Part 4 - Episode 85 - WOAC presents Self-Control, Faithfulness - Fruits of the Spirit.

Faithfulness is an act of self based on revelation we have of God in our lives. Rev 12.11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death

Faith on the other hand is produced from God - not works In Scripture, faith and belief are not exactly the same. Faith always comes from God and involves His revelation therefore faith is beyond belief! Faith is God's work; faith is never the work of people. We cannot produce faith ourselves, nor can we "drum it up at will." Rather, faith comes as Christ speaks His rhçma-word within (see Ro 10:17, Gk text).(biblehub)

Self-control - is the grace of God that enables us to resist temptations that will cause us to act contrary to God's ways examples of out of control is acts of rage, inability to resist sexual temptations, stealing, addictions.

Conclusion : How does walking in the Spirit look on You?

Paul writes to the Galatians churches and He introduces his letter to them as follows:

Galatians 1 To the churches of Galatia:

3Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, **4**who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, **5**to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

Only One Gospel - **6**I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, **7**which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert[a] the gospel of Christ. **8**But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be [b]accursed. **9**As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. **10**For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

False doctrine labeled as part of Christian faith exposed in The Gospel Coalition (TGC)

How to avoid the trap of false doctrines

1. **Accept Jesus Christ is the life giving Spirit (Giver of Eternal life)**

John 20.30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; **31**but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

1 Cor 15.45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.

2. **Accept Jesus as God the Savior of the world -** John 3.16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

3. **Accept there is one God represented as 3 persons - Trinity**

Matthew 28.16 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19**Go [c]therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit**, **20**teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age."
God is a plural word (hebrew) - and represents God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
Below from (TGC website)
the Father (1 Pet. 1:2),
Jesus (John 20:28; Heb. 1:8), and
the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4).
Each of these three possesses the attributes of deity—including

omnipresence (Ps. 139:7; Jer. 23:23-24; Matt. 28:20),
omniscience (Ps. 147:5; John 16:30; 1 Cor. 2:10-11),
omnipotence (Jer. 32:17; John 2:1-11; Rom. 15:19), and
eternality (Ps. 90:2; Heb. 9:14; Rev. 22:13).
Biblically, while it is true that there is only one God (Isa. 44:6; 45:18; 46:9; John 5:44; 1 Cor. 8:4; James 2:19), it is also true that three persons are called God in Scripture:

The Bible indicates that there is three-in-oneness in the Godhead (Matt. 28:19; cf. 2 Cor. 13:14).

4. Accept that God is only 3 persons (Father, Son and HolySpirit); that the labels of the names below is a descriptive word revealing the qualities and attributes of God:

a. Elohim reveals God is more than 1 person (Hb. 'God; Gen. 1:1) - the name describes them God as more than one person, Rulers, Divine Ones, Judges)
b. Exodus 3.14 Moses asked who must I say has sent me, God said say "I Am who I Am. Say to the people of Israel I AM sent me to you." "God" in this hebrew is Elohim (Plural for Gods, Rulers, Divine Ones)
c. El Shaddai (Lord God Almighty) Gene 17.1
d. El Elyon (The Most High God) - Supreme
e. Adonai (Lord, Master)- Absolute Ruler
f. Yahweh (Lord, Jehovah)
g. Jehovah Nissi (The Lord My Banner)
h. Jehovah-Raah (The Lord My Shepherd) - Who is described as the Shepherd Jesus Christ
i. Jehovah Rapha (The Lord That Heals)
j. Jehovah Shammah (The Lord Is There)
k. Jehovah Tsidkenu (The Lord Our Righteousness) - Who has given us His righteousness through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior
l. Jehovah Mekoddishkem (The Lord Who Sanctifies You) - Who has sanctified us - Jesus Christ through His blood
m. El Olam (The Everlasting God) - God always existed
n. Elohim (God)
o. Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)
p. Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace) - Did Jesus not say I leave my peace with You, I give you my Peace?

5. Accept Jesus Christ is God and is equal in the Trinity

False religion believe that Jesus was created as the archangel Michael before the physical world existed.

Biblically, however, Jesus is eternally God (John 1:1; 8:58; cf. Ex. 3:14) and has the exact same divine nature as the Father (John 5:18; 10:30; Heb. 1:3).

Indeed, a comparison of the OT and NT equates Jesus with Abba Father (compare Isa. 43:11 with Titus 2:13; Isa. 44:24 with Col. 1:16; Isa. 6:1-5 with John 12:41).

Jesus himself created the angels (Col. 1:16; cf. John 1:3; Heb. 1:2, 10) and is worshiped by them (Heb. 1:6).

6. Accept that The Holy Spirit is God and is equal in the Trinity.

False religion believe that the Holy Spirit is an impersonal force of God and not a distinct person.

Biblically, however, the Holy Spirit has the three primary attributes of personality:

a mind (Rom. 8:27),
emotions (Eph. 4:30), and
will (1 Cor. 12:11).
Moreover, personal pronouns are used of him (Acts 13:2). Also, he does things that only a person can do, including:

- *teaching (John 14:26),*
- *testifying (John 15:26),*
- *commissioning (Acts 13:4),*
- *issuing commands (Acts 8:29), and*
- *interceding (Rom. 8:26).*

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity (Matt. 28:19).

7. Accept that all who call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved, both Jews and Gentiles

False religion believe there are two peoples of God: (1) the Anointed Class (144,000) will live in heaven and rule with Christ; and (2) the "other sheep" (all other believers) will live forever on a paradise earth.

Biblically, however, a heavenly destiny awaits all who believe in Christ (John 14:1-3; 17:24; 2 Cor. 5:1; Phil. 3:20; Col. 1:5; 1 Thess. 4:17; Heb. 3:1), and these same people will also dwell on the new earth (2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21:1-4).

8. Accept that there is an eternal hell, and all people whose names are not written in the book of life will be tormented eternally in Hell with satan and his fallen angels

False Religion believe hell is not a place of eternal suffering but is rather the common grave of humankind. The wicked are annihilated—snuffed out of conscious existence forever.

Biblically, however, hell is a real place of conscious, eternal suffering (Matt. 5:22; 25:41, 46; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 20:10, 14).

9. Conclusion: Walking in the Spirit

John 14.26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Romans 8.26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

John 14.15-17 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

1 Cor 2.14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Hence in

Galatians 5.16-26 - 16I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: [d]adultery, [e]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21envy, [f]murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23[g]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.