

# **STANDING FOR TRUTH**

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LESSON TWELVE

# VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

- **2 Corinthians 6:4-8**...but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, in the **word of truth**, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers and yet true;
- Truth: *aletheia*: certain beyond any doubt

THE POWER OF THE TRUTH

# IMAGE RESTORATION

- **Romans 8:29** For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren
- Predestine: *proorizo*: to limit in advance; requires a limiting factor
- **Romans 8:29 (TLB)** For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers.
- **Colossians 3:10**...and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—
- **2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all...are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

# SANCTIFICATION

- ❑ **1 Thessalonians 4:7-8** For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification. So, he who rejects *this* is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.
- ❑ Sanctification: *hagiasmos*: to be set apart and consecrated for holiness
- ❑ **Leviticus 11:44** 'I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.
- ❑ People were created in God's image
- ❑ The image was skewed by sin
- ❑ When we receive the redemptive work of Jesus, the process of restoration begins
- ❑ Satan does not want our restoration to proceed

# COVENANT BENEFITS

- ❑ Last week we spoke of the armor and weaponry that we have as a result of covenant
- ❑ **Matthew 28:16-20** But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. When they saw Him, they worshiped *Him*; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- ❑ Authority: *exousia*: the right to act; permission; given by someone to someone else; giver defines domain; giver defines rules of operation

# WAIT FOR THE POWER

□ **Acts 1:4-8** Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

□ Power: *dunamis*: the ability to act

# UNRULY

- **2 Thessalonians 3:6-9** Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life and not according to the tradition which you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example, because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with labor and hardship we *kept* working night and day so that we would not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right *to this*, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you, so that you would follow our example.
- Unruly: *ataktos*: undisciplined; disorderly; not in a domain that has been specified for your life

# STANDING FOR TRUTH

- ❑ **1 Corinthians 5:1-7** It is actually reported that there is immorality among you, and immorality of such a kind as does not exist even among the Gentiles, that someone has his father's wife. You have become arrogant and have not mourned instead, so that the one who had done this deed would be removed from your midst. For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, *I have decided* to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump *of dough*? Clean out the old leaven...



# STANDING FOR TRUTH (2)

- **2 Thessalonians 3:10-12** For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread.
- Busybodies: *periergazomai*: run around doing useless things; particularly meddling in the affairs of others
- **Matthew 18:15-16** "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.

# REMOVING FROM FELLOWSHIP

- **Matthew 18:17-18** “If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”
- **Matthew 18:18 (HCSB)** I assure you: Whatever you bind on earth is already bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth is already loosed in heaven.
- We act in response to heaven (God), God isn't obligated by us
- Deliver to Satan; cut off from the church;
- **Ephesians 4:26-27** BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

# DENYING UNGODLINESS

- **Titus 2:11-15** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.
- Speak: *laleo*: verbalize
- Exhort: *parakaleo*: to be called alongside
- Reprove: *elegcho*: to expose in a way that brings conviction

# FALSE TEACHERS

- ❑ **2 Peter 2:1-3** But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in *their* greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.
- ❑ Some heresies are obvious to Christians who study the Word; some are sneakier and designed to deceive
- ❑ Some heresies are enabled by “translations” that are really paraphrases and are “translated” with an agenda
- ❑ **1 Thessalonians 5:5-6** We are not of night nor of darkness; so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.