



**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**  
**The Lies We Believe**

**Introduction:**

As we have been learning these past few weeks about *Receiving God's Guidance* we have been emphasizing the instruction that we need to *test all things and hold fast what is good* as we see in 1 Thess 5:21.

We are repeatedly exhorted in the scriptures to 'test all things', to 'rightly divide the Word', to 'understand what the will of the Lord is'. And the reason is this – our beliefs direct the course of our lives.

Our beliefs become our convictions.  
Our convictions influence our choices.  
Our choices influence our actions and the way we live.  
Our manner of life affects our destiny.

So, as people of God, it's really important what we believe.  
If what we believe is false, then we would've spent our entire life living a lie.

Today's message is titled a bit negatively *The Lies We Believe*, it is just to bring out the stark contrast between what is true and what is not, to encourage us to embrace and live out the truth.

**Origin & Impact**

Origin of lies

**John 8:44**

**44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

Satan is a liar. He is called *the father of lies - the originator of lies*.  
Other titles – the *tempter*, the *accuser*, the *deceiver*

Impact of lies

A lie is a resource of the devil. It helps accomplish the devil's purpose

**John 10:10**

**10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

Lies steal. Lies kill. Lies destroy. *When we use the enemy's resources, we conform to his image.*

*Lies do not fulfill the purposes of God*

*Lies impair us and cause us to live life at a level that's far below what God wants for us!*



We lie to-

- *manipulate, deceive, cheat.* To get someone to do what they would not normally do.
- try and safeguard our own selfish interests irrespective of what happens to others.
- try and protect our reputation even when we've done something wrong.
- inflict pain, to get revenge.
- *cover up* our mistakes.

*When we lie or receive a lie, we open the door of our lives for fear, guilt, shame and condemnation.*

### Origin of truth

**John 14:6**

**6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

*The Lord Jesus Himself is the truth. He is truth in person.*

**John 1:14**

**14** And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*His Glory (whatever God does and says) is full of grace and truth*

**John 16:13**

**13** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

*The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of truth. He will guide us into all truth.*

**John 17:17**

**17** Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

*Whatever God speaks, proclaims, declares is true and is the truth*

**Hebrews 6:17-18**

**17** Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, **18** that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

*God cannot and will not lie. It is impossible for Him to speak a lie.  
This gives us strong consolation, assurance and hope.*



### Impact of truth

**John 10:10**

**10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. Truth is eternal.**

*Truth outlives and overcomes the lie*

*Truth uncovers what the lie has hidden.*

*Truth does the very opposite of a lie.*

*Truth restores, it does not steal away.*

*Truth gives life, it does not kill.*

*Truth is constructive. It edifies, does not destroy*

**Hebrews 13:8**

**8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

**Matthew 24:35**

**35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.**

### Ministry of truth

During his earthly ministry the Lord Jesus proclaimed and ministered the truth.

He dismantled the lies and destroyed the works of the enemy.

**Luke 4:18-19**

**18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,**

**Because He has anointed Me**

**To preach the gospel to the poor;**

**He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,**

**To proclaim liberty to the captives**

**And recovery of sight to the blind,**

**To set at liberty those who are oppressed;**

**19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."**

**Acts 10:37-38**

**37 that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.**



Today the Holy Spirit is here to do the very same thing in our lives.

**John 16:13**

**13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**

Jesus said that the Spirit of truth He will guide us into all truth.

The Holy Spirit dismantles the lies as He guides us into all truth.

Luke 4:18-19, Acts 10:38,39

His truth brings *good news* where lies have brought hopelessness and despair.

His truth will *heal hearts* that have been broken by lies.

His truth *sets free* those who have been imprisoned by lies.

His truth *opens the eyes* that have been blinded by lies.

His truth *brings liberty and freedom* to those who have been oppressed by lies

Let us invite the Holy Spirit to point out areas where we have accepted lies instead of truth.

Let us give Him the right of way.

**Truth Check!** (*Share with examples*)

- *Identify the lie*
- *Repent*
- *Reject the lie*
- *Accept & Declare the truth*
- *Live the truth.*

1) Appearance

**Ephesians 2:10**

**10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

**Psalm 139:14**

**14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.**

2) Identity

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

**17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**



**2 Corinthians 5:21**

**21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**

3) Purpose

**Ephesians 2:10**

**10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**

**Psalm 139:16**

**16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them.**

4) Ability

**Philippians 4:13**

**13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**

**Romans 8:37**

**37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

5) Acceptance

**Romans 5:8**

**8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

6) *Other areas*

**Romans 6:6**

**6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

**Romans 5:5**

**5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

**Romans 15:13**

**13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

MINISTRY TIME | SALVATION CALL



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019**  
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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

**Preparation**

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at [apcwo.org/sermons](http://apcwo.org/sermons). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

**Welcome**

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

**LISTEN to God's Word**

Read the following Scripture passages:

- *John 8:44, John 10:10, John 14:6, John 1:14*
- *Luke 4:18-19, Acts 10:37-38*

**INVESTIGATE God's Word Together**

Please discuss a few of these together giving time for people to share their insights (It is alright if you cannot cover all the questions. Select a few of these questions for your discussion). We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

- 1) Share your experience of how 'speaking a lie' or 'believing a lie' affected your life.
- 2) How can we consistently identify and reject Satan's lies while accepting and living out God's truth?



If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey**

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

**ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another**

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

*Every family represented in the life group, for specific needs, for spiritual growth.*

Close by thanking God together.



**USEFUL RESOURCES**



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

**YOUTUBE:** <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

**WEBSITE:** <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

**CHURCH:** <https://apcwo.org>

**FREE SERMONS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

**FREE BOOKS:** <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS:** <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

**JESUS CHRIST:** <https://examiningjesus.com>

**BIBLE COLLEGE:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

**E-LEARNING:** <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

**WEEKEND SCHOOLS:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

**COUNSELING:** <https://chrysalislife.org>

**MUSIC:** <https://apcmusic.org>

**MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP:** <https://pamfi.org>

**CHURCH APP:** <https://apcwo.org/app>

**CHURCHES:** <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

**WORLD MISSIONS:** <https://apcworldmissions.org>