

How do you get “The Anointing?”

1. The words in the New Testament translated “ANOINT” (verb) and “ANOINTING” (noun) are:

A. ALEIPHO: “*general term used for an anointing of any kind, whether of **physical refreshment after washing** (Matt.6:17; Luke 7:38,46; John 11:2; 12:3; **or of the sick**, Mark 6:13; James 5:14; **or a dead body**, Mark 16:1.*

The material used was either OIL (ELAION), or OINTMENT (MURON). The distinction between ELAION (oil) and MURON (ointment) is found in Luke 7:46 when Jesus told the Pharisee who invited Him to eat with him: “You did not put oil on my head (elaion), but she has poured perfume on My feet (muron).” In other words, the Pharisee didn’t even give Jesus the common courtesy of physical refreshment, yet the sinful woman anointed His feet with an expensive ointment of oil and aromatic herbs.

B. ENCHRIO: “*primarily, to rub in, hence, to anoint...used to the church in Laodicea to anoint their eyes with eyesalve, Rev.3:18.”*

C. EPICHRIO: “*primarily, to rub on, is used of the blind man whose eyes Christ anointed, and indicates the manner in which the anointing was done, John 9:6,11.”*

D. CHRIO (verb): “*it is confined to sacred and symbolical anointings; used of Christ as the Anointed of God, Luke 4:18; Acts 4:27; 10:38, and Hebrews 1:9...The title Christ signifies ‘The Anointed One.’ The word Christos (Christ) is rendered ‘Anointed’ in Acts 4:26. Once it is said of believers, II Cor.1:21...used of kings, I Sam.10:1, and priests, Ex.28:41, and prophets, I Kings 19:16.”*

E. CHRISMA (noun): “*an anointing. It was prepared from OIL (ELAION) and aromatic herbs (making an OINTMENT, MURON). It is only used metaphorically in the N.T.; of the Holy Spirit, I John 2:20,27...That believers have ‘an anointing from the Holy One’ indicates that this anointing renders them holy, separating them to God. The passage teaches that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the all-efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the Truth.*

2. HOW DO WE GET THE ANOINTING ACCORDING TO WORLD WIDE

EVANGELISM? World wide television evangelism tells us that in order to get the Anointing you need one of their evangelists, who will give you the Anointing through a touch or gesture or command from them; and then the one receiving the anointing will “fall out” or be “slain in the Spirit,” falling into a dead faint, or shaking, laughing, dancing or even running uncontrollably, as if they were “drunk in the Spirit.”

A. They say the Apostles, on the Day of Pentecost, were “drunk in the Spirit” when God anointed them with the Holy Spirit. **But, if you read the account in Acts 2:1-13 it**

explains this Anointing: *When the Day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting (ever hear such a sound when the TV evangelist starts anointing people?). They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them (ever see these tongues of fire resting on the one's to be anointed?). All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit (The Anointing) and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them (I'm sure there are many that claim to have seen this sign of the Anointing — but, if you noticed, none of these people fell into a dead faint, or shook, laughed, danced or ran uncontrollably, as if they were “drunk in the Spirit.”).*

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound (which you never hear on TV evangelism anointings), a crowd of people came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language (is that what happens when they start speaking in tongues after a TV evangelist anoints them? Are they speaking a particular foreign language of which they had never been taught?). Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes, and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!’ (They were preaching the Gospel to people in their own native language even though they had never been taught that language).

Some, however, made fun of them and said ‘They have had too much wine.’ (Some made this comment because they could hear some of the Apostles speaking in a foreigner's native language of which they could not understand. Therefore, to them, it sounded like drunken gibberish). In verse 15-21 Peter assures them that the Apostles were not drunk, (again, none of them talked with slurred speech, staggered, fainted, shook, laughed, danced or ran around uncontrollably); but were fulfilling Joel's prophecy concerning the Last Days: “In the Last Days, God says, ‘I will pour out my Spirit on all people...And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved”

1. I Corinthians 6:10 says a drunkard will not enter the Kingdom of God!

2. Galatians 5:22,23 says that one of the fruits of the Spirit is *self control!*

3. I Corinthians 14:32 says “The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder...”

B. Others claim that the **Apostle Paul** is proof of being “slain in the Spirit” or “falling out in the Spirit” when you receive God's Anointing. **They quote Acts 9 of Paul's (then called Saul) conversion when he was struck down (they say “slain in the spirit”) by Christ on the road to Damascus. Let's read the whole story and see:**

Acts 9: 1-19: Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the

synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way (Christians), whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly **a light from heaven flashed around him** (ever see a bright light when a TV evangelist anoints someone?). **He fell to the ground** (they say “slain or fallen out in the Spirit”) and heard a voice say to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?’

‘Who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked.

‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,’ he replied. ‘Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.’

The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, **but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing** (so at Saul’s anointing he was struck with blindness? I thought you were cured at anointings!). So they led him by the hand into Damascus. **For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything.** (Does this sound like he is forgiven and anointed with the Holy Spirit to you?).

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, ‘Ananias!’

‘Yes, Lord,’ he answered.

The Lord told him, ‘Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for **he is praying** (for forgiveness?). In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come **and place his hands on him to restore his sight** (doesn’t sound like he has been anointed yet!).

‘Lord,’ Ananias answered, ‘I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with the authority from the chief priests to arrest all those who call on your name.’

But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.’

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. **Placing his hands on Saul,** he said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord — Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here — **has sent me** (now, three days after he was struck blind) **so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit**’ (if he was “slain in the Spirit” 3 days earlier on the road to Damascus, he would already be *filled* or *anointed* with the Holy Spirit). **Immediately,** something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and **he could see again. He got up and was baptized** (notice he was **immediately baptized** before he ate even though he hadn’t eaten in three days), and after taking some food he regained his strength.

(1) In Acts 22:13-16 Paul tells of this Anointing and healing in his own words:

“He (Ananias) stood beside me and said, ‘Brother Saul, receive your sight!’ And at that moment I could see him...Then he said: ‘...And now what are you waiting for? Get up, **be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on His (Christ) name**!’” **Paul, himself, said his sins were forgiven after he was baptized!**

Acts 9:17 also says this is when he was “**filled (anointed) with the Holy Spirit.**”

C. A lot of TV evangelist (like Benny Hinn) yell “fire” when they give people the Anointing (or double or triple or...). TBN (network for world wide evangelism) says: “Lord send the fire right now and baptize everyone.” They use *Luke 3:16* as there source, saying that John said, “*I baptize with water,*” but Jesus would “*baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire!*” Therefore, **they claim Christians no longer need to be baptized in water, but only to be baptized in the Holy Spirit with fire (as, they say, were the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost). As I pointed out **1.A.**, they **saw** the fire on the Day of Pentecost, when was the last time you saw the fire at one of their anointings or baptisms? **But does *Luke 3:16* really say we should baptize or anoint everyone with the Holy Spirit and fire? Let’s read all of it in *Luke 3:16-17*: “*John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire (two different baptisms). His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat (Christians) into His barn (Heaven), but He will burn up the chaff (wicked) with unquenchable fire (Hell)!’*”****

(1) When a farmer brought his wheat (looked like tall dry grass) onto the threshing floor, after the wheat was beaten, shaken, or repeatedly thrown into the air to separate the heavier wheat from the lighter chaff; he used a winnowing fork (like a wooden pitch fork) to get rid of the chaff and grassy stalks of wheat that were left over, leaving only the small heavier wheat that would fall through the fork back to the threshing floor. **He then kept the wheat, and threw the chaff away to be burned!**

(2) When you read the whole Scripture in its context, it says: **Jesus is going to baptize believers with the Holy Spirit** (which, according to *II Corinthians 1:21* is how God *anoints* us with the Holy Spirit, guaranteeing us a place in Heaven). **But He will baptize (immerse) the wicked in “unquenchable fire,”** as Jesus also explains in the **Parable of the Weeds (*Matthew 13:24-30,36-43*)**.

(3) So, when the evangelist anoints you with the baptism of fire, is he baptizing you with the Holy Spirit, or condemning you to the fires of Hell?

2. BUT, HOW DOES THE BIBLE SAY WE GET THE ANOINTING?

II Corinthians 1:21: “*Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed (CHRIO) us, set His seal of ownership on us, and put His Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*”

A. Paul told the **Christians in Corinth** that **God anointed** them with the Holy Spirit. The purpose of the Anointing is to seal us with the Holy Spirit. We then become God’s temple and the Holy Spirit lives in us according to *I Corinthians 3:16*. Now, we belong to God, which guarantees us a place in Heaven (*II Corinthians 5:1-10*).

(1) Remember, according to *Acts 9:17,18*, **Paul was “filled (anointed) with the Holy Spirit” at his baptism**, when, according to Paul himself, in *Acts 22:16*, **his sins were washed away.**

(2) This is why **Paul** later asks some of John the Baptist's disciples this question in **Acts 19:1-5**: *'Did you receive the Holy Spirit (the Anointing) when you believed?'*

They answered, 'No, we have not even heard there is a Holy Spirit.'

So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?' (Notice that baptism has everything to do with the Holy Spirit!)

'John's baptism,' they replied.

*Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus (just like Paul himself). When Paul (an Apostle) placed his hands on them (after their baptism), the Holy Spirit came on them (gave them special spiritual gifts), and they spoke in tongues (remember 2.A.) and prophesied" (Speaking in tongues was for witnessing to unbelievers, and prophecy was to preach and teach believers according to **I Corinthians 14:22**).*

(a) It should be noted that Paul was an Apostle, and, according to Acts 8:12-19: "But when they believed Philip (evangelist, not Apostle) as he preached...they were baptized...When the Apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the Word of God, they sent Peter and John (Apostles, like Paul) to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them (as in speaking in tongues and prophesying): they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John (Apostles) placed their hands on them (after they had been baptized IN WATER BY PHILIP AS ACTS 8:36 STATES!), and they received the Holy Spirit (special powers such as speaking in tongues and prophesying).

When Simon (the sorcerer who had also been baptized) saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the Apostle's hands, he offered them money and said, 'Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit (the Anointing).'

Peter answered: 'May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!'" (NOTICE THAT PHILIP THE EVANGELIST COULD NOT GIVE THESE SPECIAL GIFTS — ONLY AN APOSTLE COULD. KNOW ANY TV EVANGELIST THAT WILL GIVE YOU SPECIAL GIFTS THAT THEY CALL THE ANOINTING, IF YOU MAKE A LARGE ENOUGH GIFT ON YOUR CREDIT CARD TO THEIR MINISTRY...HOW ELSE DO YOU THINK THEY GOT TO BE MILLIONAIRES?)

B. In **Acts 10:37,38**, Peter told the first Gentile Christians (Cornelius and his household): *"You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached — how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit."*

(1) **Mark 1:9-11** tells us how it happened: “At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee **and was baptized** by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the **water**, He saw Heaven being torn open and the **Spirit descending on Him** like a dove (**The Anointing from God**). And a voice came from Heaven: ‘You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased’.”

(2) **Remember Jesus’ last command in Matthew 28:18-20**: “Then Jesus came to them (Apostles) and said, ‘All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son **and of the Holy Spirit**, and **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (like baptizing).**”

(3) **And remember Peter’s first sermon to the first 3,000 Christians in Acts 2:37,38**: “When the people heard this (they killed the Son of God), they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, ‘Brothers, what shall we do?’ Peter replied, ‘**Repent and be baptized**, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven. **And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**” (The Anointing).

(4) **Still, most believe we Gentiles don’t need to be baptized in water, but only in the Holy Spirit. But Acts 10:44-48 says you can’t separate the two**: “While Peter was still speaking these words (about the anointing) the **Holy Spirit came on (anointed)** all who heard the message. The circumcised (Jewish) believers (who didn’t think Gentiles could become Christians) who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them **speaking in tongues and praising God (just like the Day of Pentecost in 2.A.)**.

Then Peter said, ‘**Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water (NOTICE, THE BAPTISM OR ANOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT STILL MUST INCLUDE WATER!)?** They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.’ **So he ordered (commanded) that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ (in water, just as he ordered the first 3,000 Christians on the Day of Pentecost, at the first Anointing!)**

3. In John’s old age (last living Apostle), he warned Christians in I John 2:18-25:

Dear children, this is the **last hour** (began on the Day of Pentecost, according to Acts 2:16,17, as prophesied by Joel 2:28-32); and as you have heard that **the antichrist (ANTICHRISTOS, which is from the word CHRIO or ANNOINT. See 1.D.) is coming, even now many antichrists have come. They went out from us (claimed to be Christians) but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.**

But you have an anointing (CHRISMA) from the Holy One, and all of you know the Truth (Holy Spirit is the Truth according to I John 5:6). I do not write to you because you do not know the Truth (Holy Spirit), but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the Truth (Holy Spirit). Who is a liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ

(CHRISTOS or the Anointed). Such a man is the antichrist (against the Anointed) — he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father, whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

See that what you have heard from the beginning (Acts 10:37,38) remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father.”

A. John warned that the antichrists will come from us (claiming to be Christians) just as Paul also warned in Acts 20:29-31: *“I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the Truth (like the Anointing of the Holy Spirit) in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.”*

(1) These *antichrists or wolves* indeed came to the Ephesian Church, *distorted the Truth* that Paul had taught them in *the beginning*, and in *Revelation 2:4 Jesus warned this Church through this same Apostle John:* *“Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love (what they heard from the beginning). Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.”*

B. Jesus said in John 16:12-15:

“But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all Truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is Mine and make it known to you.”

(1) Jesus said in John 4:23,24: *“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in Spirit and in Truth.”*

(2) I John 5:6 says: *“...and it is the Spirit that testifies, because the Spirit is the Truth.”*

(3) Remember, the Anointing (CHRISMA) is “the all-efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the Truth.” See 1.E.

C. But how do you know who the Spirit is speaking through?

(1) I Corinthians 4:6: *“...Do not go beyond what is written. Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.”*

(2) Galatians 1:6-12: *“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we (Apostles) or an angel from Heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we (Apostles) preached to you (New Testament), let him be eternally condemned. As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted (from the original Apostles), let him be eternally condemned!”* HOW MANY CLAIM THAT AN ANGEL GAVE THEM NEW REVELATIONS (MUSLIM KORAN, BOOK OF MORMON), OR THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE AUTHORITY OF THE APOSTLES TO WRITE OR SPEAK NEW REVELATIONS (POPE, TV EVANGELISTS)?

(3) Hebrews 13:8,9: *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings (that are not in the original New Testament).”* HOW MANY TEACH THAT A LOT OF THE NEW TESTAMENT IS OUTDATED, AND THEREFORE HAS BEEN CHANGED?

(4) Revelation 22:18,19: *“I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and the holy city, which are described in this book.”* HOW MANY EVANGELISTS HAVE SUPPOSEDLY BEEN GIVEN NEW REVELATIONS AND PROPHECIES FROM GOD?

D. Hebrews 10:26-31 warns: *“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the Truth (Holy Spirit), no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses (Old Testament) died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has **treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant (New Testament) that sanctified him**, and who has **insulted the Spirit of grace (his anointing)**? For we know Him who said, ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ and again, ‘The Lord will judge His people.’ **It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!**”*

(1) REMEMBER, THE SPIRIT IS THE TRUTH (I JOHN 5:6)!

(2) And, the word for “THE ANOINTING” is the Greek word CHRISMA, which, according to **1.E.**, *“teaches that the gift of the Holy Spirit is the all-efficient means of enabling believers to possess a knowledge of the Truth.”*

4. John continues in I John 2:26-27: *“I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. As for you, **the Anointing (CHRISMA) you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you (about the anointing).** But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit — just as it has taught you, remain in Him.”*

A. We don't need anyone to teach us, because we already have the Anointing or Truth from the Holy Spirit in our New Testament Scriptures. The Anointing of the Holy Spirit that *we received* when we were baptized (**Acts 2:38**) at the *beginning, remains in us.* We don't need an evangelist to anoint us again...**God already anointed us, according to II Corinthians 1:21!**

B. Peter warned us about those who were *“trying to lead us astray,”* and trying to *“teach us”* new ideas about the *“anointing.”* **II Peter 1:20-2:11:** *“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as **there will be false teachers among you.** They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them — bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of the Truth (Holy Spirit's Words or New Testament Scriptures) into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.”* **HOW MANY TV EVANGELIST ARE MILLIONAIRES? WOULD YOU CALL THAT GREED? DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY HAVE MADE UP STORIES ABOUT GOD SPEAKING TO THEM, AND GIVING THEM NEW REVELATIONS THAT ARE NOT IN YOUR BIBLE, IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT PEOPLE FOR MONEY?**

(1) Paul warned Timothy (an evangelist like Paul) in I Timothy 6:3-10:

*“If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and arguments that result in envy, quarreling, malicious talk, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been **robbed of the Truth (Holy Spirit), and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain** (ISN'T THAT WHAT TV EVANGELISTS PREACH?).*

*But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. **People who want to get rich (as TV evangelists say they can make you) fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.”** DOESN'T THIS SOUND LIKE JUST THE **OPPOSITE OF WHAT TV EVANGELIST PREACH?***

C. And then he continued in II Peter 3:15-17: *“Bear in mind that our Lord’s patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction. Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position.”*
BY THE WAY, THESE RICH TV EVANGELIST WHO ARE TELLING YOU GOD HAS GIVEN THEM NEW REVELATIONS, AND THE POWER TO PROPHECY, HEAL, CAST OUT DEMONS, AND ANOINT YOU WITH THE SPIRIT’S POWER, ALSO TEACH THAT YOU CAN NOT “FALL FROM YOUR SECURE POSITION!” I WOULD CALL THAT A “DISTORTION OF THE SCRIPTURES” ...WOULDN’T YOU?

5. Remember Jesus’ warning in Matthew 7:21-27: *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of Heaven (he may be an antichrist or false prophet), but only he who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons, and perform many miracles?’ (Sound like TV evangelists?) Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from Me you evildoers!’ Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock...but everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man...that house fell with a great crash.”*

A. I John 2:3,4 says: *“We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the Truth (Holy Spirit) is not in him (he may be an antichrist or false prophet trying to lead you astray!)”*

6. I John 4:1: *“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world...(4) You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you (Holy Spirit) is greater the one who is in the world (spirit of Satan). They (false prophets and antichrists) are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them (EVER NOTICE THEY ONLY PREACH POSITIVE SERMONS, AND NEVER ANYTHING NEGATIVE? THEY DON’T PREACH AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY. THEY TELL YOU GOD WANTS YOU TO BE RICH, AND NEVER SUFFER. THEY PREACH THAT YOU CAN’T FALL FROM HIS GRACE, YOU DON’T HAVE TO OBEY OR REPENT, BECAUSE WORKS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR SALVATION. INSTEAD THEY PREACH FAITH ONLY, AND THEREFORE, YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE BAPTIZED. SOME EVEN SAY THERE ISN’T A LITERAL HELL, AND THEY QUOTE POPULAR AUTHORS MORE THAN THE BIBLE). We (Apostles) are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of falsehood.”*

A. II Timothy 4:3,4: “For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the **Truth (Holy Spirit)** and turn aside to myths.”

B. I Timothy 4:1-16: “The **Spirit** clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things **taught by demons** (**DO YOU SUPPOSE SATAN AND HIS ANGELS ARE SMART ENOUGH TO TAKE CONTROL OF WORLD WIDE TV EVANGELISM?**). Such teachings come through **hypocritical liars**, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron...(13) Until I come, devote yourself to the **public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching**...(16) Watch your **life and doctrine** closely. Persevere in them, because **if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.**”

C. So, do as Paul told Timothy in II Timothy 2:15: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the **Word of Truth (Holy Spirit).**”