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It reveals and judges those who refuse to follow His truth.

We must hold to it (Psalm 119:92-93) – His Word is our hope!

We will be judged by it (Pr. 29:5) – do not fear men, do not compromise His truth

WORLD – where Satan has His throne (Eph. 2:2/I Jn. 5:19) – Surprise! The world is evil.

In the world but not of the world (I Jn. 2:15-17) – *know your weaknesses*In danger of compromise (II Corinthians 11:3-4) – *only 1: Jesus, Gospel, Sprit – only 1 way*

WITNESS – faithful even unto death (Revelation 12:11) – do not shrink back because of fear

Holding fast to the faith we profess (Hebrews 10:23) – *He is faithful to us*Having the commendation of God (I Thess. 1:6) – *when trials do not turn us away from Him*

WARY – of false teachers (II Corinthians 11:13-15) – they masquerade as teachers of righteousness

Like Balaam – appealing to sensual desires (II Pt. 2:18-19) – *taking you captive (Rom. 6:16)*Like the Nicolaitans – appointing themselves above the rest (against the laity) (Gal. 3:26-29)

We all have equal standing before God and equal access to Him.

WARNING – you must REPENT (Luke 13:1-5)

He is coming (Jude 14-15) – **the guilty will be judged**He will judge according to His word (Isaiah 55:11/Hebrews 10:26-27/II Peter 2:21) **Given to save us but will also condemn those who do not heed it**WHITE STONE & HIDDEN MANNA

Bread of life (John 6:33) – *Jesus is our bread*Brand new name – *His name given to me*

Read Isaiah 66:2 – What does it mean to tremble at His word? (Nehemiah 8:5-6, 9 / Hebrews 5:12-15)

We are to receive it as His Holy Word accepting its truth into our hearts and lives.

We ought to weep and be broken over our sin as exposed to us through His Word.

We must be growing in His Word by putting it into practice in our lives (Matthew 7:24-27)

Why is this so important when we live in a corrupt culture? (Romans 12:2 / II Timothy 4:3-4) (Genesis 3:1-5 / Matthew 4:6)

His truth is necessary to counter the influence of culture on our lives and thinking. The enemy will twist God's truth in order to deceive us.

In what ways does the world system impact our lives today? (Galatians 1:6-10/John 8:24/II Cor. 11:2-4)

If we seek to please people over God and His truth, it is easy for us to compromise.

This can lead to a different Gospel, a different Jesus (The Chosen) and/or a different Spirit which do not save!

How can we keep ourselves from being compromised? (Acts 20:32 / Jude 20-21)

We must be built up through His Word: know it and follow it.

We must be filled with His Spirit so that we can walk in Him and remain in His love.

What signs can help us recognize false teaching? (Acts 20:29-30/Jude 4, 16)

Always be on your guard. False teachers can appear to be righteous and are often in our midst.

Ask questions. Who do they point you to? What are they seeking? What is there attitude towards other leaders?

How can we keep from being led astray? (Acts 17:11 / I John 4:1-6 / Colossians 2:6-9)

Test everything against Scripture!

Know and be confident about who Jesus is. He is the fulness of God in bodily form.

Which of us is not impacted by worldly influence? What does Jesus tell us we need to do? (Deuteronomy 7:26 / Psalm 101:1-4 / II Corinthians 6:14-7:1 / Ephesians 6:10-18)

Do not let worldly influence into our homes. Do not associate with the ungodly – other that for the purpose of reaching them with the gospel. Be careful that your life is not being influenced by things that are not of God. Put on the full armor of God

How do the three promises that Jesus gives to overcomers impact your life?

Hidden manna? (Matthew 6:33-34)

Jesus will always nourish my soul and provide my needs.

White stone? (II Corinthians 5:21)

Jesus has secured my pardon – I have been cleansed and renewed in Him.

New name? (Ephesians 3:14-15 / Revelation 3:12 / II Timothy 1:12)

I belong to the Father and I belong to Jesus – bearing their names.

I know He will keep all things that I have entrusted to Him.

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