



“The Simple Truth”

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I. ***II Corinthians 11:1-3***

A. Do you like it when things are simple?

1. News Flash: God invented it!
2. God doesn't make things hard....people do.
 - God didn't give us laws to control us or harm us...
 - He gave us laws to protect us. (*You tell a child “don't put that key in the wall socket”....why? Because you love him and want the best for him!*)

B. Satan and his Subtily (Trickery) – ***Genesis 3:1-5***

1. ***Satan wants you to question 2 things:***

a.) ***What God Said***

- If you question what God said, you will question Who He is

b.) ***Who You Are (Identity)***

- ***Matthew 4:3, 6, 9*** “If you are the Son of God...”, “If you are the Son of God...”, “If you will bow down to me...” (If you know who you are, it is because you know who Jesus is and you will not doubt what God has said! You can't bow down to another, because you are submitted to the One and Only!)

2. Can you see how Satan works tirelessly to twist and deceive you concerning God's Word?

- Salvation, Healing, Prosperity, Peace, Joy, Happiness is for everyone! (If you were excluded, then this gospel would be unjust and conditional upon your performance; but that's not the gospel)....***It is not based upon your performance, but rather the finished work of the cross!***
- ***Examples:*** The Red Sea, Paul and his thorn in the flesh...a Christian who prayed and did not receive, etc.

II. The Finished Work (The Other Side of the Cross)

A. ***“That Ain't Goin Nowhere!”*** (It Is Finished!)

1. This is the way we need to see it concerning the promises of God...
2. Satan cannot steal it, I cannot lose it, All I need to do is hold on to it!

B. Just Believe

1. ***Since I cannot earn it, then I must SIMPLY Receive it!***

2. ***Romans 10:9-10*** (The Foundation, The Purpose, The Plan)

- ***Believe – To Have Faith or Entrust*** (Notice it did not say, “believe with your mind” – the difference is spiritual vs. physical; The real problem that most Christians have is they think they are believing, but they are really just hoping (wishful THINKING).
- What is Real Believing? Fully Persuaded Faith (***Romans 4:20-21***)