

# Attitude

Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

**Our Attitude Towards  
TRUTH & ERROR MATTERS**

(Psalm 119:97-104; Matthew 15:7-9; 2 Peter 2; 2 John 9; Jude 3)



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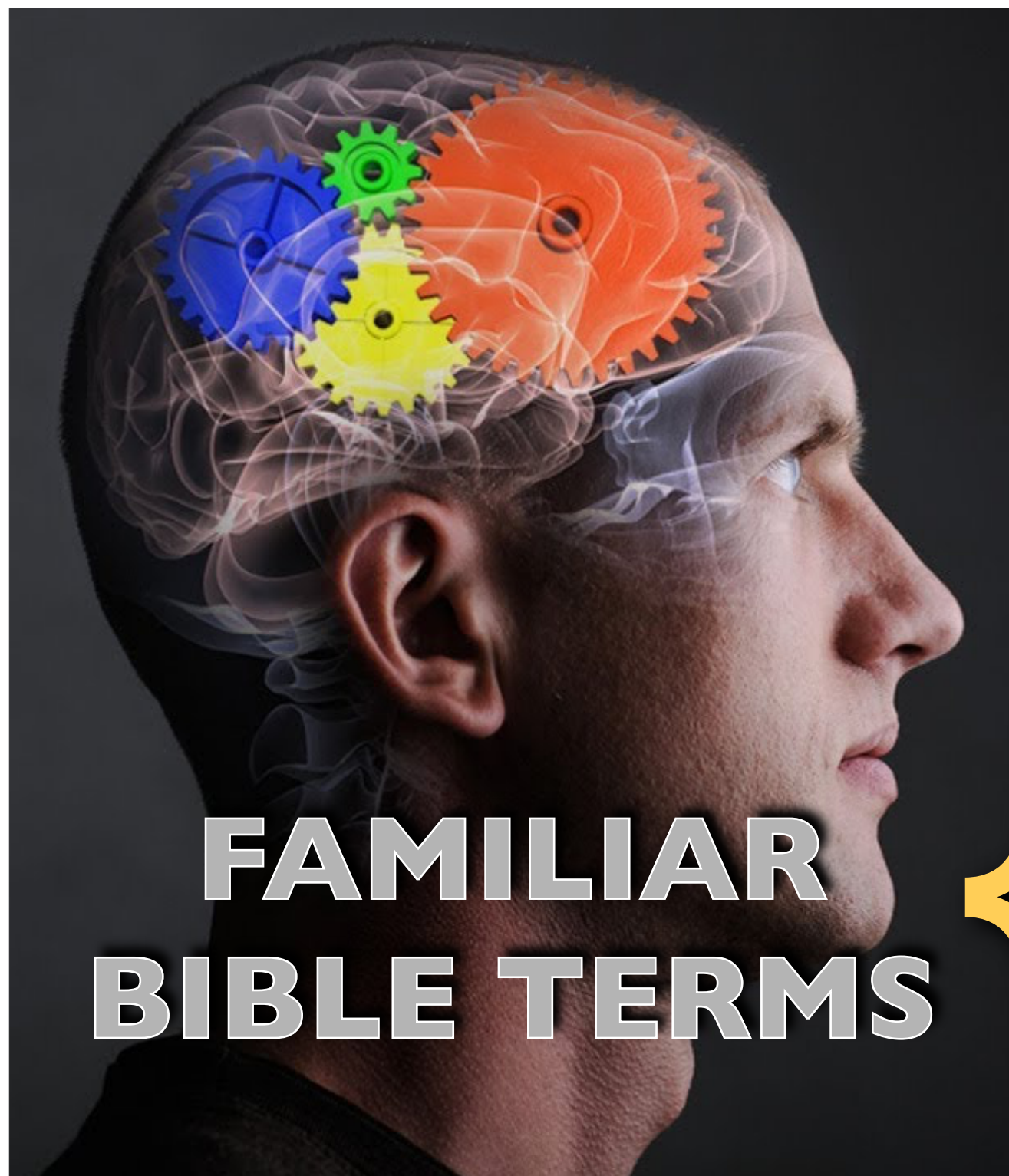
### Definition of Attitude

- "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."
- "Beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event"



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Mindset

Perspective

Disposition

Spirit

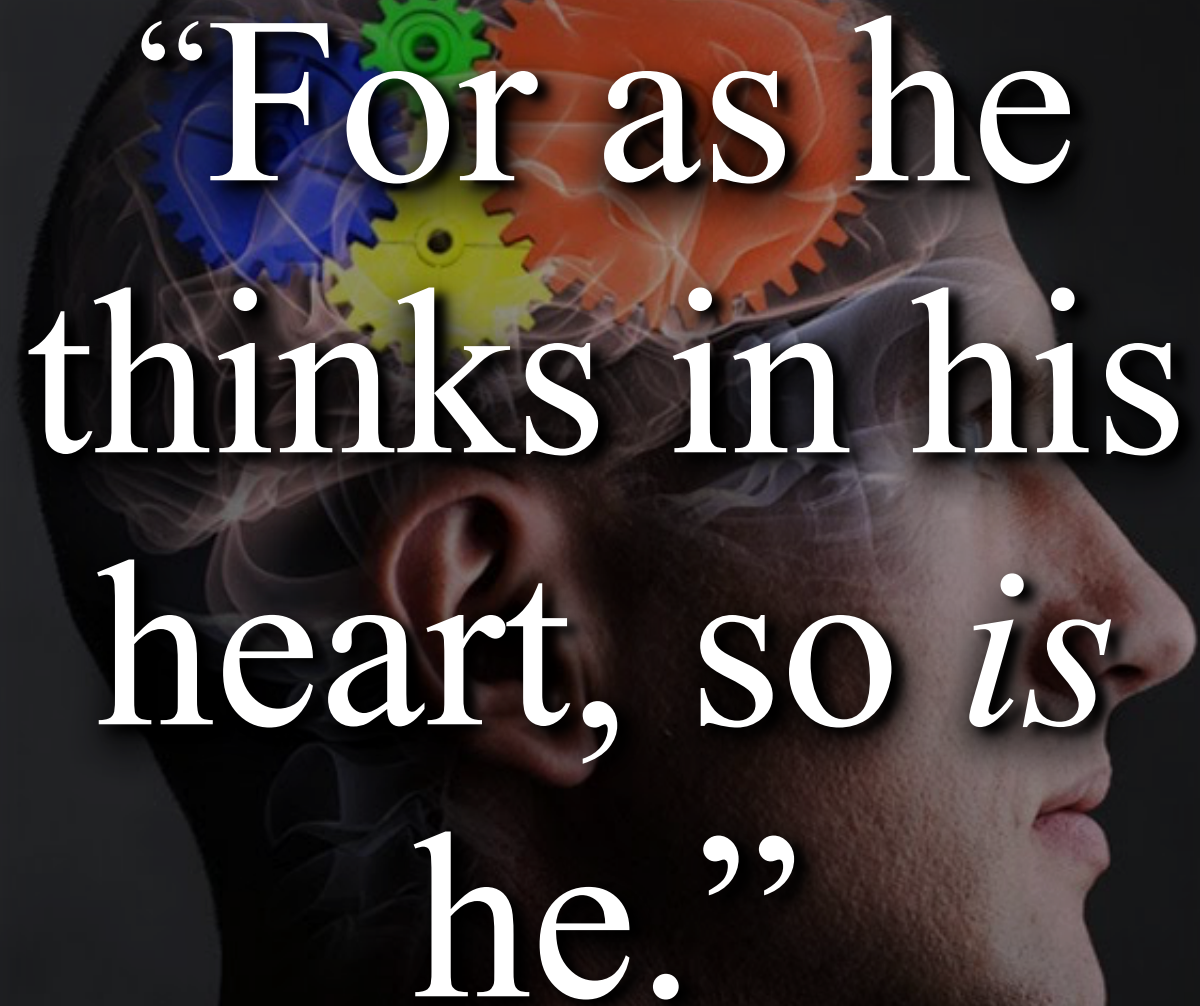
Mind

Godliness



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Proverbs 23:7

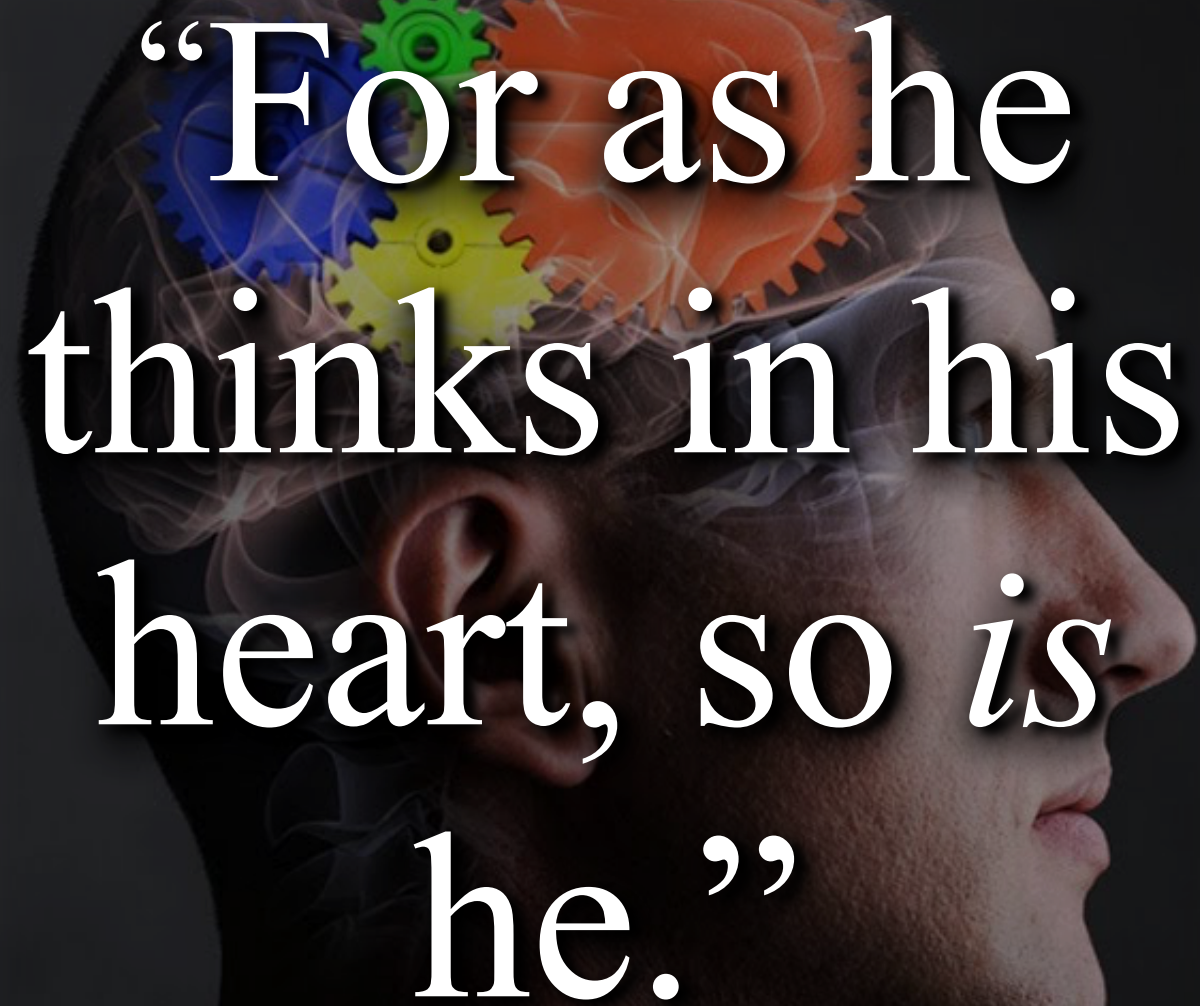
## Components of Attitude

- **Cognitive:** Your thoughts and beliefs about the subject.
- **Affective:** How the object, person, issue, or event makes you feel.
- **Behavioral:** How attitude influences your behavior.



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### ■ OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS \_\_\_\_ MATTERS

- ▶ GOD (Father, Son, Spirit)
- ▶ THE SCRIPTURE
- ▶ GOD'S AUTHORITY
- ▶ THE LORD'S CHURCH
- ▶ OURSELVES
- ▶ THE LOCAL CHURCH
- ▶ SIN / WORLD /
- ▶ TRUTH & ERROR



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## COMMON ATTITUDES OF OUR DAY:

- 1. Truth is subjective & relative - (no moral absolutes / doctrine & theology inconsequential) - (Judg 21:25; Jer. 6:16-19)**
- 2. The emphasis of feelings & emotion over, & instead of, a “thus saith the Lord.” - (Prov 14:12; Jer. 10:23; )**
- 3. A rejection of the reliability & absolute authority of the scriptures - (2 Tim 3:16,17; 2 Pet 1:19-21; Mat 24:35; Luke 21:33)**





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**Isaiah 59:14 (NKJV)**  
Justice is turned back,  
And righteousness  
stands afar off; For  
truth is fallen in the  
street, And equity  
cannot enter.





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## WHAT IS TRUTH?

### John 17:16–19 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

**Psalm 119:9**

**Hebrews 1:1,2**

**John 16:13;**

**Mat. 28:19,20**

**Romans 3:4**



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## Psalm 119:97–104 (NKJV)

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. <sup>98</sup> You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.



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## Psalm 119:97–104 (NKJV)

<sup>101</sup> I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. <sup>102</sup> I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. <sup>103</sup> How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.



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## WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRUTH?



### ■ **ATTITUDES WE SHOULD HAVE:**

- ▶ We should LOVE / VALUE the TRUTH (Ps. 119:72,97,127; Prov. 23:23; Mat. 13:44, 46. Phi. 3:7, 8)
- ▶ We should HUNGER for the TRUTH (Ps. 1:2; Mat. 5:6; Jn. 6:27-29; Acts 17:11,12)
- ▶ We should be willing to ACCEPT and FOLLOW the TRUTH wherever it leads (Ps. 119:105; John 3:21; 7:17; 1 Jn. 1:6)
- ▶ We should be willing to DEFEND it against all deception and error which stands in contradiction and opposition to it (Ps. 119:104; Gal. 2:5; 1 Ti. 1:18; 6:12; Jude 3)



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## WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS TRUTH?



### ■ MANIFESTED BY:

- ▶ What I am willing to sacrifice to find and hold to truth (Proverbs 23:23)
- ▶ How much time I spend reading and studying God's word (Ps. 119:97; Jn. 17:17; Acts 17:11,12; 2 Tim 2:15)
- ▶ My willingness to accept it and follow it (John 7:17; 8:31,32; 1 Peter 1:22,23)
- ▶ My willingness to forfeit the truth due to it not being what I want (Rom. 1:18-32; 2 Thes. 2:10-12)
- ▶ My attitude towards error (Ps. 119:104)



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## WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS ERROR?



### ■ **ATTITUDES WE SHOULD HAVE:**

- ▶ We should **HATE** ERROR for ERROR is **WICKEDNESS** (Ps. 119:104; 128; Ps. 36:4; 97:10; Pr. 8:13; Ro. 12:9)
- ▶ We should **EXPOSE** ERROR and warn others of its danger & consequences (Mat. 15:7-9, 13, 14; Acts 9:29; Eph. 5:11, 13; 1 Tim. 1:20; 2 Tim. 2:17; Titus 1:3)
- ▶ We should **AVOID** any appearance of support or involvement in ERROR (2 Tim. 2:16; 1 Ti. 4:7; 6:20. Tit. 1:14; 3:9; Rom. 1:32; 2 Jn. 9, 10)



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## WHAT IS MY ATTITUDE TOWARDS ERROR?



### ■ MANIFESTED BY:

- ▶ My neglect of reading and studying God's word (Ps. 50:17; Prov. 1:29; 2 Thes. 2:10-12)
- ▶ My unwillingness to accept the truth when presented to me (John 3:19,20)
- ▶ My willingness to provide for the unchallenged presentation of error (Acts 15:2; Gal. 2:5)
- ▶ My willingness to suppress the truth (Rom. 1:18,19)



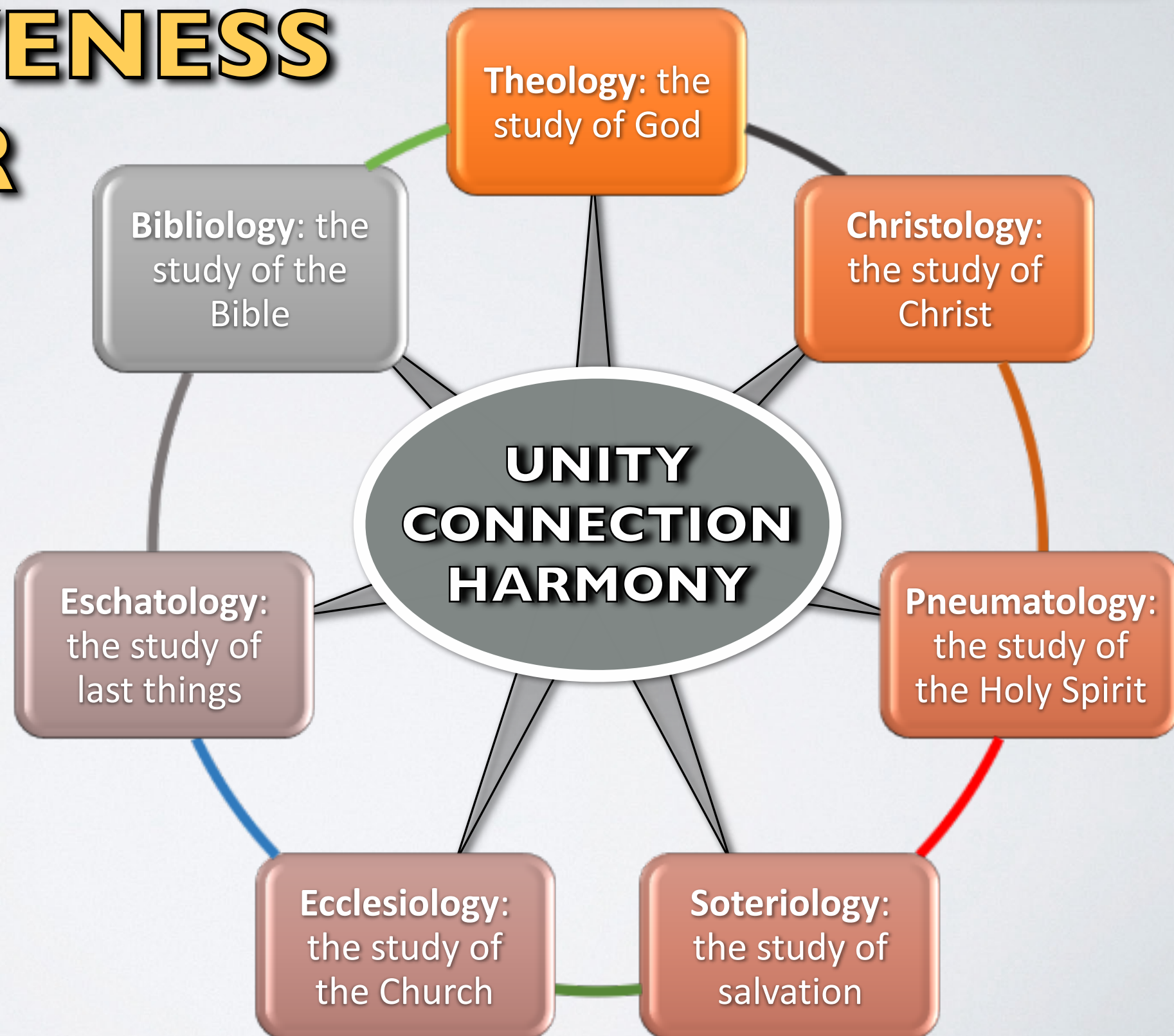
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## PERVASIVENESS OF ERROR

TRUTH  
PERFECTLY  
HARMONIZES.

If we ALTER one  
aspect of the  
TRUTH, that one  
alteration will  
affect every other  
aspect of truth to  
some degree.

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## THE PROGRESSIVE NATURE OF ERROR

The Law of LOGICAL EXTENSION

We interpret other  
passages in light of  
the error we accept

We move further  
and further away  
from God.

We set a course for  
complete apostasy!



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## **ERROR & CONSEQUENCES**



Will result in the  
perversion of other  
scriptures resulting in  
the acceptance of  
more and more error.

2 Tim. 3:13



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## **ERROR & CONSEQUENCES**



Will make one's  
**worship &  
service** to God  
unacceptable.  
Matt. 15:7-9



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## **ERROR & CONSEQUENCES**



Will lead to  
**ungodly living.**  
We will NEVER live  
above our beliefs  
Rom. 1:18-32



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## **ERROR & CONSEQUENCES**



The adherence to  
doctrinal error brings  
**bondage** and **death**.

2 Thes. 2:10-12

2 Pet. 2:18-22

John 8:32-34



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## HOW TO DISCERN TRUTH FROM ERROR?



### **2 Corinthians 11:3–4 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!



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**Colossians 2:8 (NKJV)**  
8 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.



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### **1 John 4:6 (NKJV)**

**6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.**



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- **All TRUTH has been revealed, written and preserved** (John 16:13; 2 Tim. 3:16,17; Eph. 3:3-5; 1 Pet. 1:24,25))
- **If you can't find a doctrine or practice taught in the Bible, then it is NOT the truth** (Deut. 4:2; Rom. 10:17; 2 Cor. 5:7; Rev. 22:18,19)



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*<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)*

TRUTH	ERROR
LOVE / VALUE	HATE / DESPISE
HUNGER / SEEK	LOATHE / REJECT
HOLD / ABIDE	DISCARD / FLEE FROM
DEFEND / PROMOTE	EXPOSE / FIGHT AGAINST



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**IF WE RESPECT, BELIEVE & LOVE GOD ...**



- ▶ We will LOVE the truth and HATE all that is contrary to it!
- ▶ We will seek the TRUTH and embrace it, and spurn error and reject it!
- ▶ We will defend the TRUTH and proclaim it, but expose error and seek to defeat it!



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**GOD HATES ERROR & SO SHOULD WE**



Matthew 15:7–9 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: <sup>8</sup> *‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’*”

**We should have the  
same attitude towards  
ERROR Jesus does!**

Hate it & Resist it

Fight against it

Be separate from it

Help others overcome it







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# Jeremiah 14:11–16 (NKJV)

<sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to me, “Do not pray for this people, for *their* good. <sup>12</sup> When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.”

<sup>13</sup> Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Behold, the prophets say to them, ‘You shall not see the sword, nor shall you have famine, but I will give you assured peace in this place.’ ”



# **Jeremiah 14:11–16 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> And the Lord said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. <sup>15</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, ‘Sword and famine shall not be in this land’—‘By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed! <sup>16</sup> And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; they will have no one to bury them—they nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters—for I will pour their wickedness on them.’