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Buying or Acquiring the Truth

Confess Believe Trust / Confess Acquire Rely

There was a question from the previous study, "how can a person buy back the truth?"

First, how can a person buy anything that is spiritual or that is not seen whether the truth or lie. The answer is simply believing, i.e. especially believing what is before the mind or the heart.

Buying is the same as confessing, believing and trusting. Buying is the same as confessing, acquiring and relying upon.

When someone literally buys or purchase something they own it. As an example when a person buys a sandwich first they heard of it or saw it, then they exchanged or give up something, such as money and then possessed it, now it belongs to that person. Then they chew it, swallow it, digest it, now they have energy to live and do many things. So it is in the spiritual realm. Once the truth or a lie is presented before a person's mind i.e. what he has heard, he can / will buy it, i.e., believe it, trust it or stated differently acquire and rely on it or he can refuse to accept it, deny it or reject it. When a person believes something, he has bought it. When something is acquired it is now possessed. Once he has accepted or believed the truth, from the Word of God or a lie, from imaginations and reasonings from the devil, he will believe it, trust it or rely upon it. You can tell when a person has bought (believed) the truth or lie by his confession, acknowledgement and relying upon it (CAR). Relying upon or trusting what has been heard, confessed and acknowledged reveals that it is from the heart. This is seen by the way that person lives. When a person lives in the divine (godly) truth by the Word of God his heart is protected and secured from being deceived by the snares, traps, craftiness and schemes of the devil. This is in that area of his heart where he is relying on the truth. This results in rest and the peace of God (Mat. 11:28; Isa. 26:3,4; Pro.4:20-23). The truth is certain, sure and firm, it is reliable and accurate. (Pro.22:21). This is why when the Word of God is silent on an issue or something is not revealed then speculations are interjected into it as the truth this is stepping outside of security, the protection that the Lord has given us. We are never to add to the Word of God if we do we can be found a liar, the way of the devil or spiritual darkness (Pro.30:5,6). This is an area where many are deceived and struggle searching for peace. When that person had purchased, believed and relied upon a lie there is no peace. In the areas where the truth had been refused and where a lie had been believed, there is no rest and no peace. However when a person has sold, rejected, refused and denied the truth, he can turn and reject, refuse and deny a lie and buy back, believe, acknowledge and rely on the truth, the Word of God and be free from the consequences of believing a lie. This is only by God's grace. Let us look at Scripture. **Ananias and Sapphira** rejected (sold) the truth, believed (bought) and relied upon a lie and died (Acts 4:33-37 & 5:1-11)

Those who had bought, i.e. believed a lie and then bought back i.e. believed the truth.

The Woman sinner who anointed and washed The Lord's feet. She did not say a word but confessed, acknowledged and relied upon the Lord. The way, the truth, the Life (Lk 7:36-50).

King David sold the truth, gave up the Word of God in the matter with Bathsheba and Uriah her husband, but bought it back the truth by confession and repentance and was forgiven being restored to peace (2Sam. Chp.11 &12:1-13; Read Ps. 51 which shows how David bought back i.e. believed acknowledged and relied upon the truth when praying to the Lord).

The Jews at Pentecost (Acts 2:22-27) and **then** (Acts 3:12-24, 4:1-4)

Job- Some of the things that he said in an attitude against God and against the truth (Chp.10:vs 2-6; 23:1-5; 27:1-6). In addition 32:1,2 34:5; and then repented or bought back i.e. believed and relied on the truth. 40:1-11; 42:1-6 &7-17 and was freed, then blessed).

King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:27-37; 5:17-21)

1 Jn 1:9 (KJV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness*.

2 Tim 2:23-26 (KJV)

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, **25** In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure (perhaps) will give them repentance (turn back) to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And that they may *recover themselves out of the snare of the devil*, who are taken *captive* by him at his will.

Rom 10:9-10 (KJV)

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **10** For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Heb 11:6 (KJV)

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is (exist), and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Question

1. What knowledge have you received through this study, especially during difficult times in your life?

2. What knowledge have you received through this study, in the life of another?

Definitions

Buy- To acquire in exchange for; To Acquire by sacrifice, exchange or trade. Obtain, secure, acquire (to gain possession of; to have as one's property) to receive.

Antonym lose, give up, surrender, relinquish, renounce, forfeit.

Confess- To disclose, acknowledge, admit, to make known, manifest

Antonym- To cover up, hide, conceal, suppress, keep secret, deny

Acknowledge- To admit the existence or truth of; to indicate recognition or awareness of To recognize the authority, validity or claims of. Accept, confess, affirm, declare.

Antonym- Deny, reject, renounce, ignore, disregard

Rely- To be dependent upon, to have trust or confidence in; to lean (to rely on for support) to depend on or need.

Believe – To accept as true or real. To have firm faith, confidence, trust. To have confidence in the truth, existence, reliability or value of.

Antonym- Question, doubt, distrust, disbelieve- reject as false or a lie; refuse to accept as true

Trust- Firm belief, confidence or reliance; to expect with assurance, depend on, count on

Antonym- Doubt, Distrust, lack of faith, lack confidence,