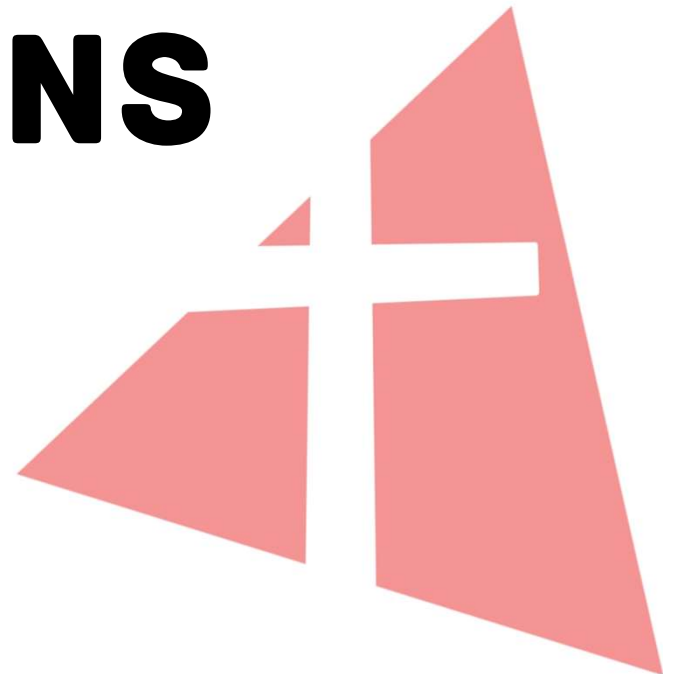


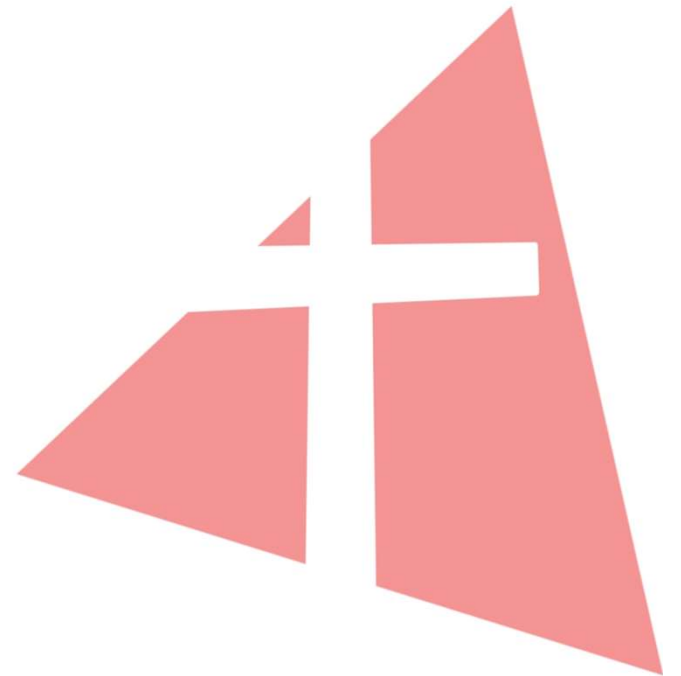
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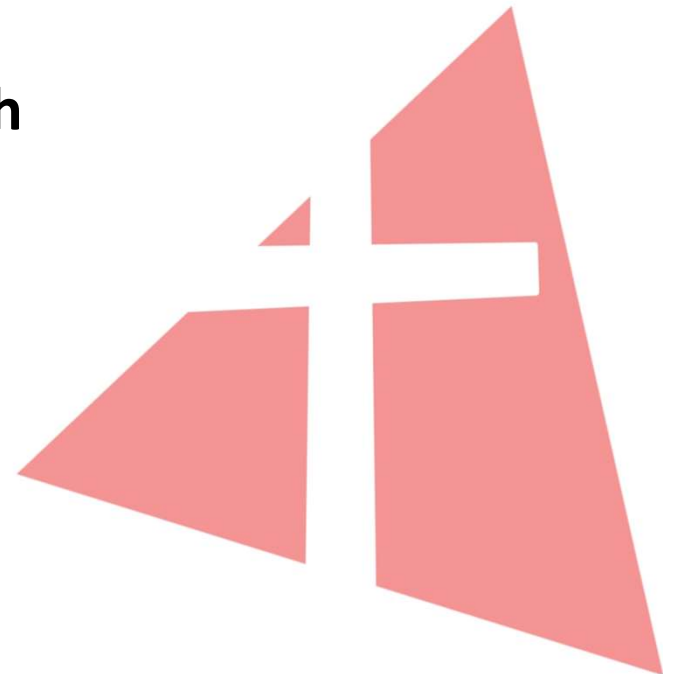
A QUESTION

- **Why do you listen to my sermons?**



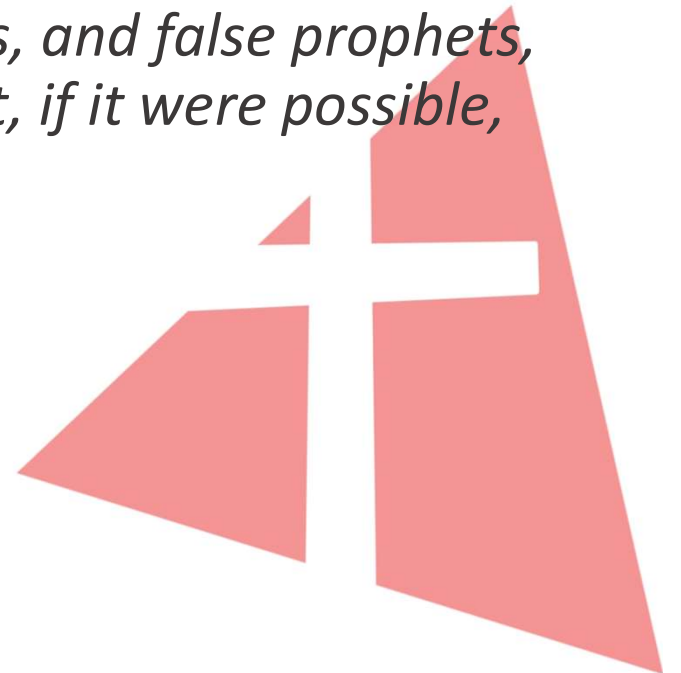
I WOULD ASSUME ...

- ... that you think that I'm telling you the truth



REALITY

Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.



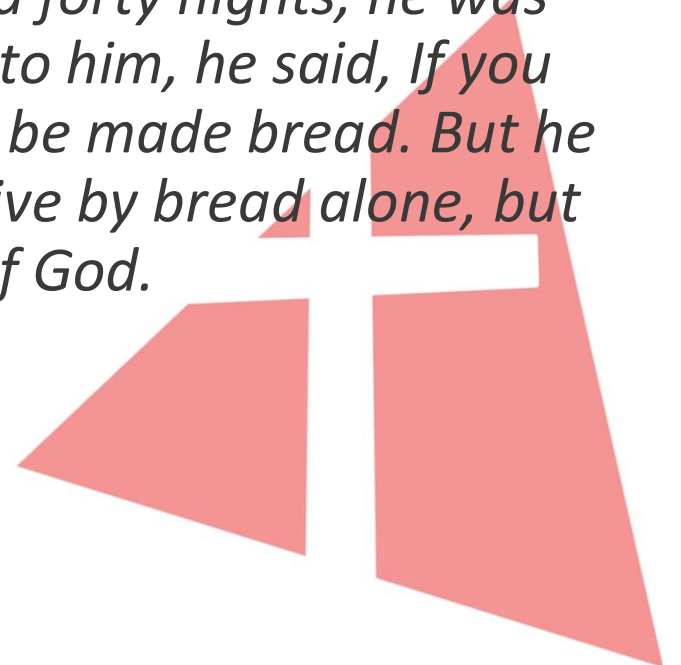
PAUL'S WARNINGS

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they draw to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto myths.



JESUS' TEMPTATION

Then was Jesus led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungry. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

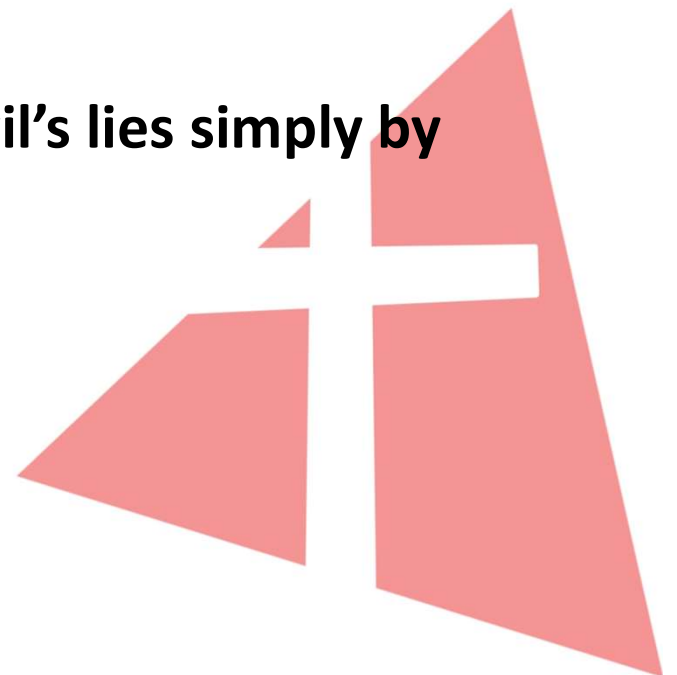


JESUS' TEMPTATION

Then the devil took him up into the holy city, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, And said unto him, If you are the Son of God, cast yourself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you: and in their hands they shall bear you up, lest at any time you dash your foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, You shall not test the Lord your God. Again, the devil took him up into an exceedingly high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And said unto him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me. Then said Jesus unto him, Begone, Satan: for it is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve. Then the devil left him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:1-11)

WHAT HAPPENED?

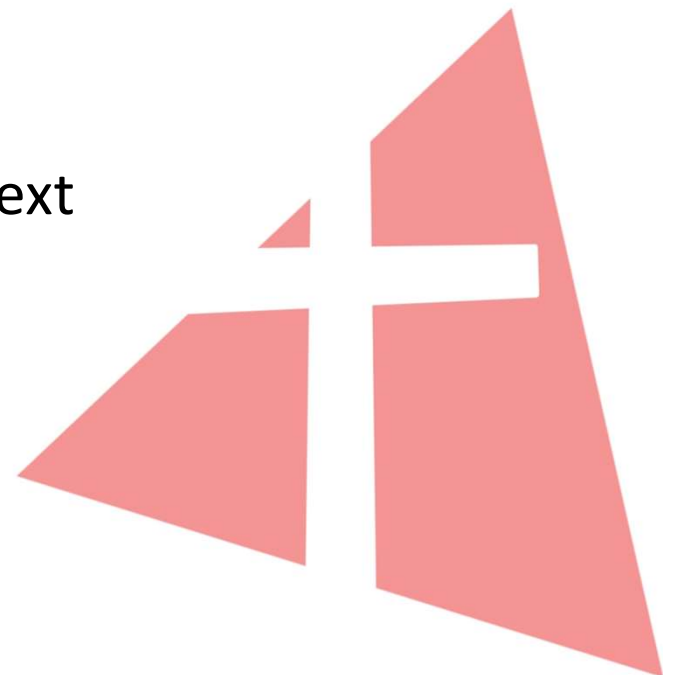
- **The devil lied to Jesus 3 times**
- **Jesus was able to completely expose the devil's lies simply by speaking the Truth from the Bible**



WHAT HAPPENED?

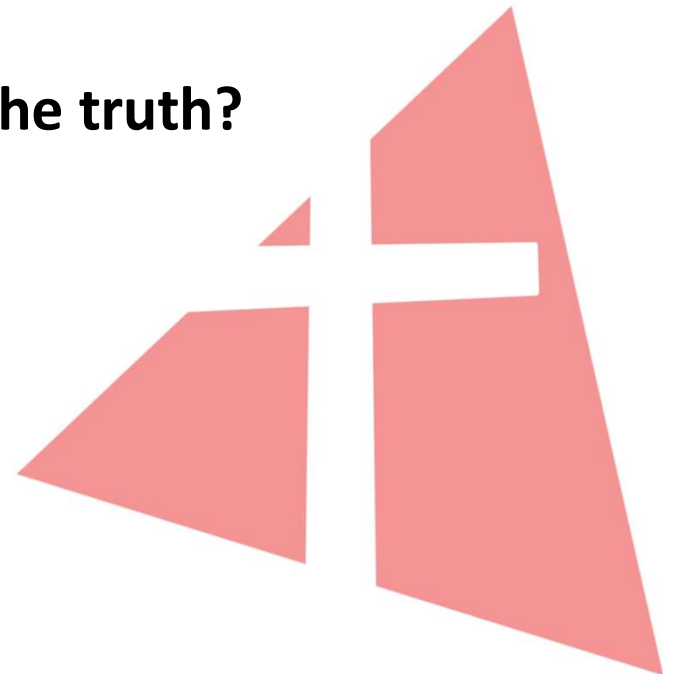
- **The 2nd temptation**

- The devil used the Bible to lie to Jesus
- Jesus understood not just verses, but context



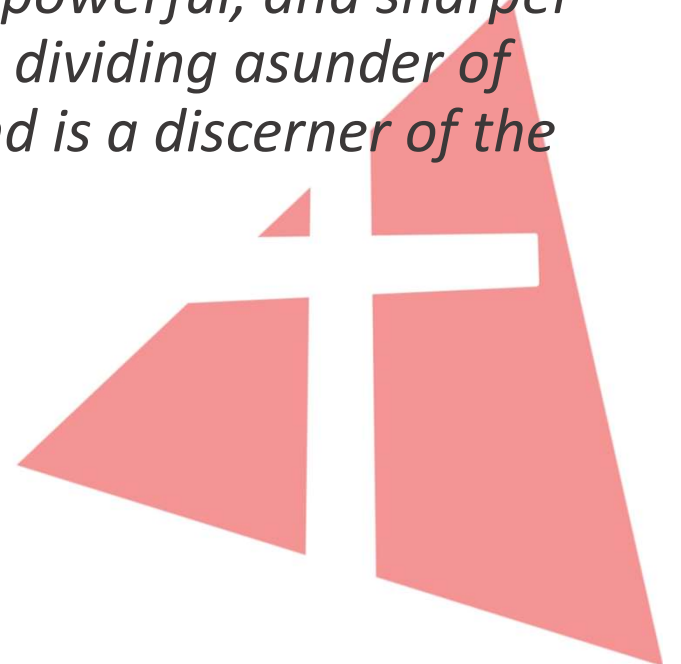
BACK TO MY QUESTION

- **How do you know whether I am telling you the truth?**



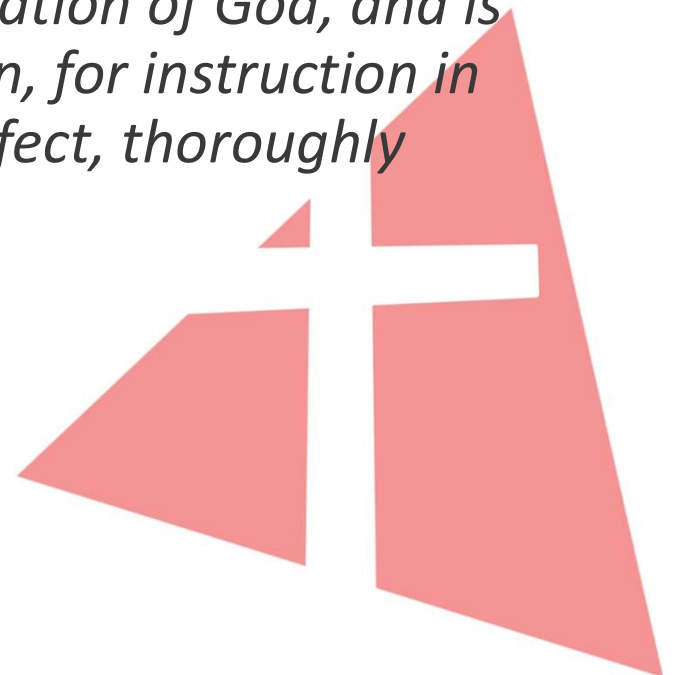
THE BIBLE ABOUT THE BIBLE

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



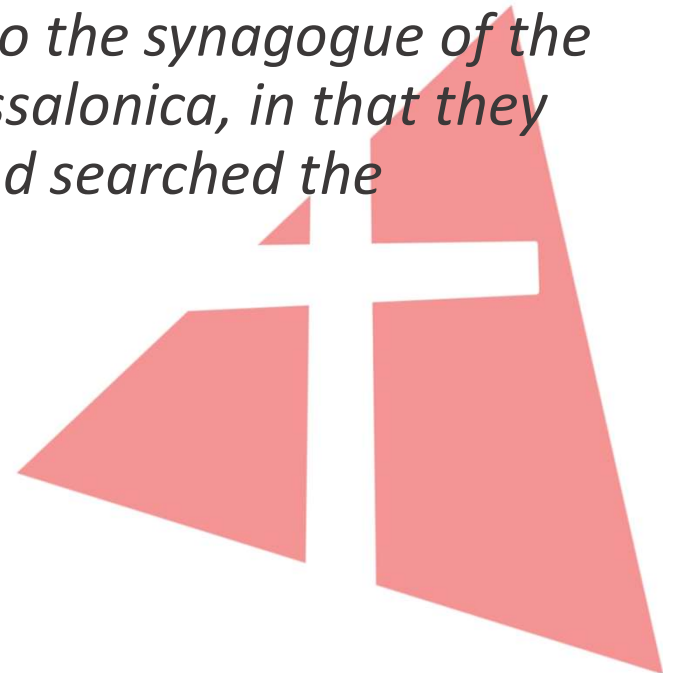
THE BIBLE ABOUT THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.



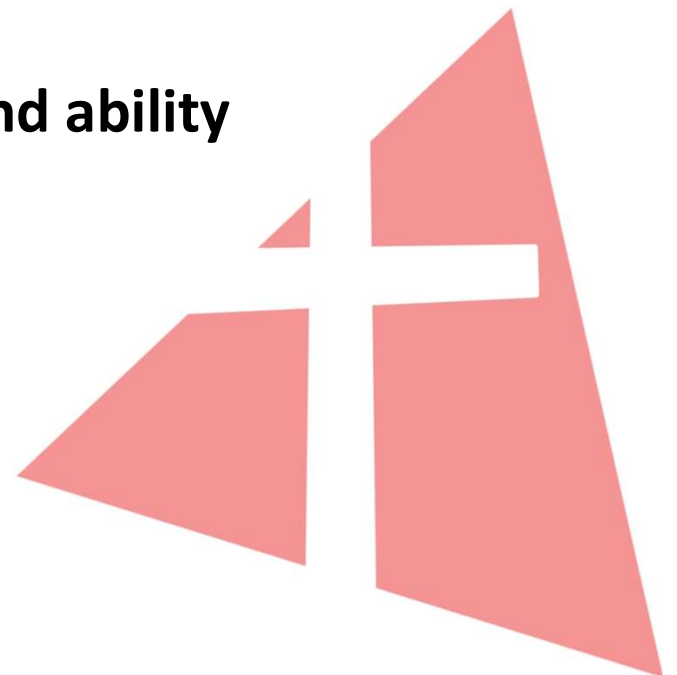
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Acts 17:10-11 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming there went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.



MY RESPONSIBILITY

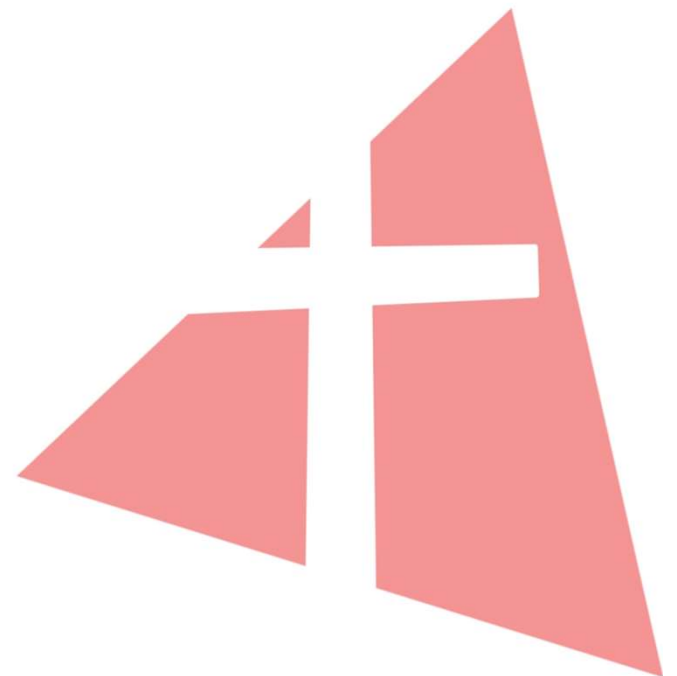
- **Teaching you to the best of my knowledge and ability**



ALL OUR RESPONSIBILITY

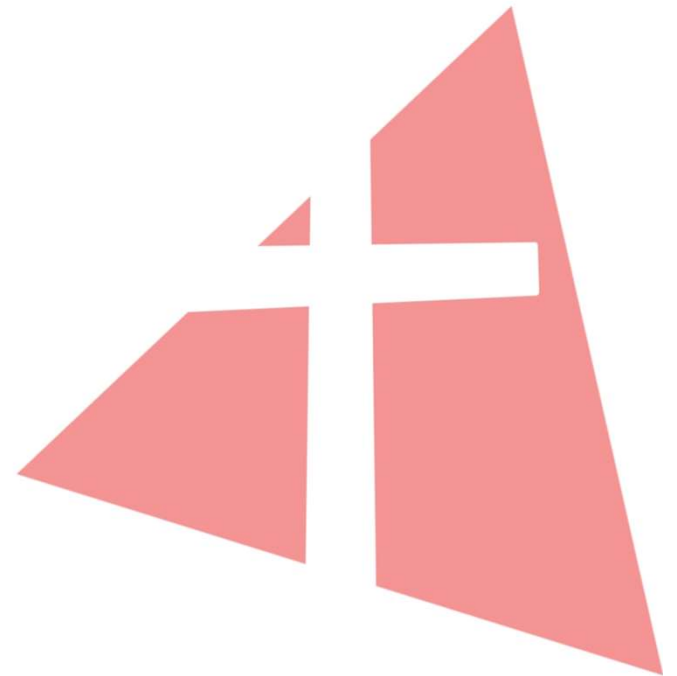
- **Being Bereans**

- Seeing whether the things I say are so



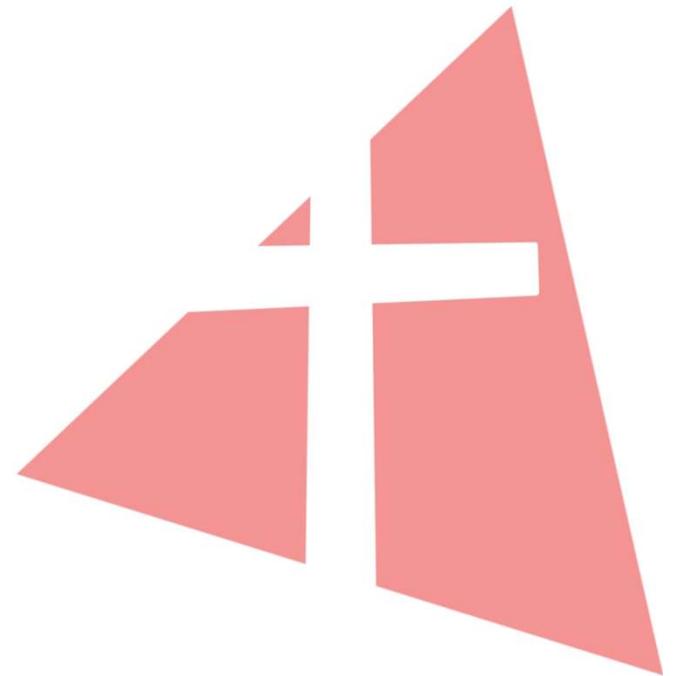
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- **Read the Bible by ourselves**



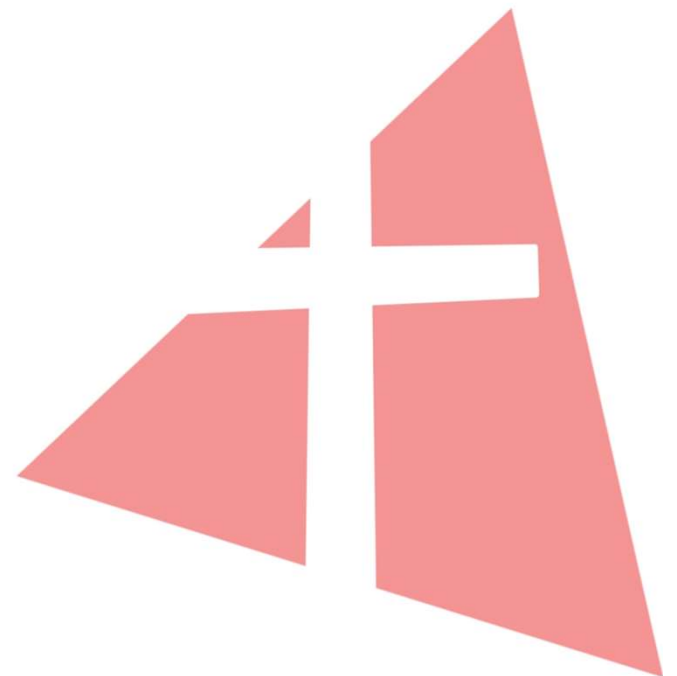
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- **Listening to different teachers**



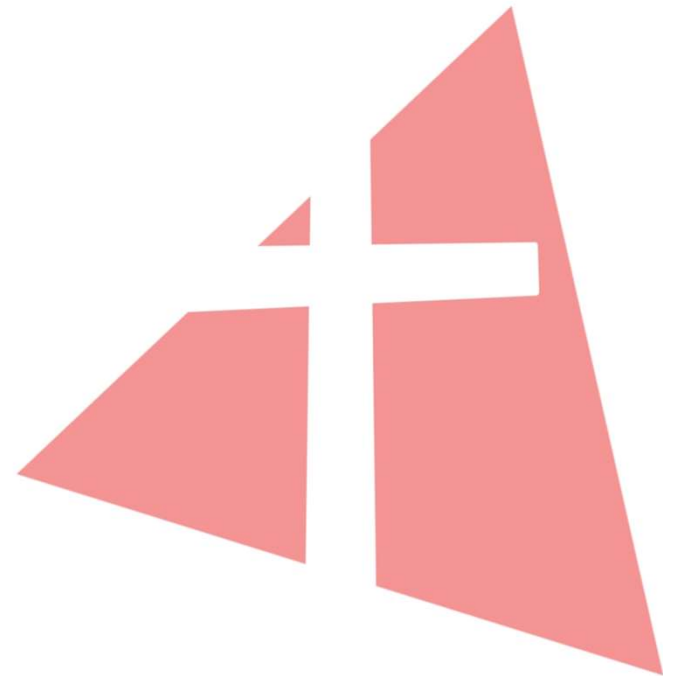
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- Reading books



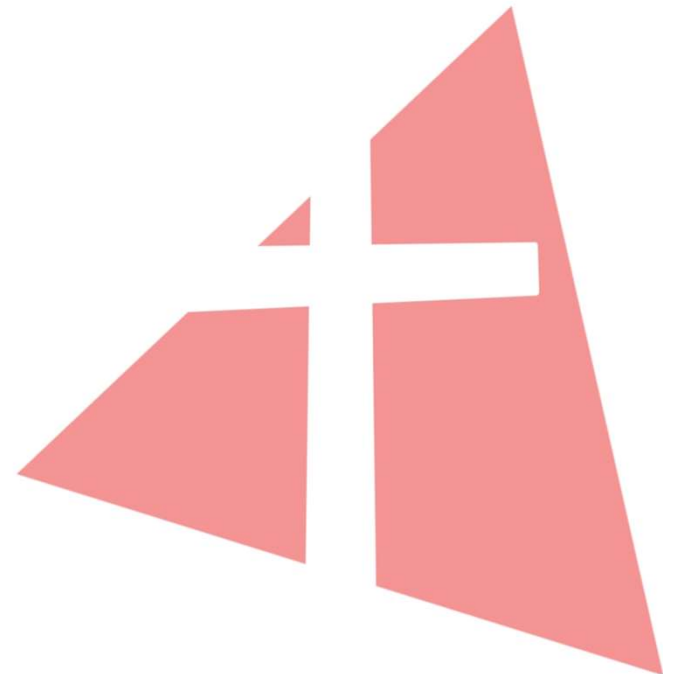
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○ Prayer



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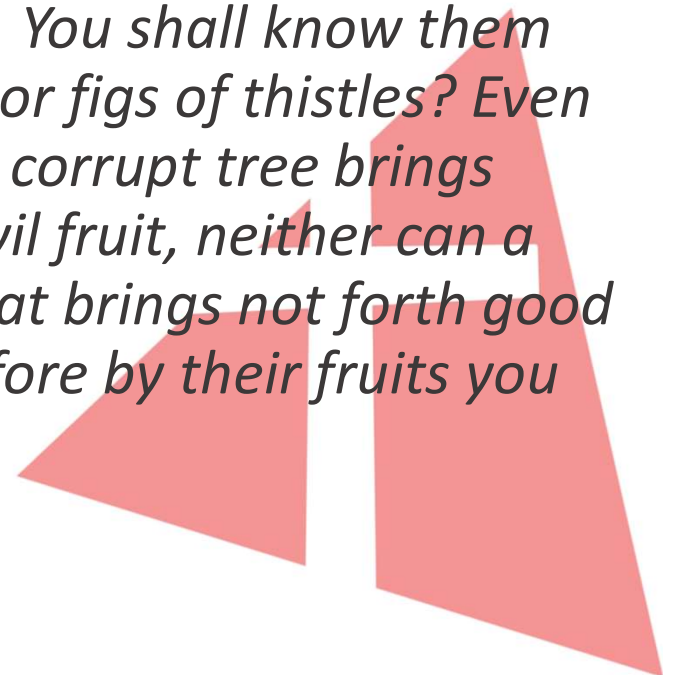
- **Small Group & Community**



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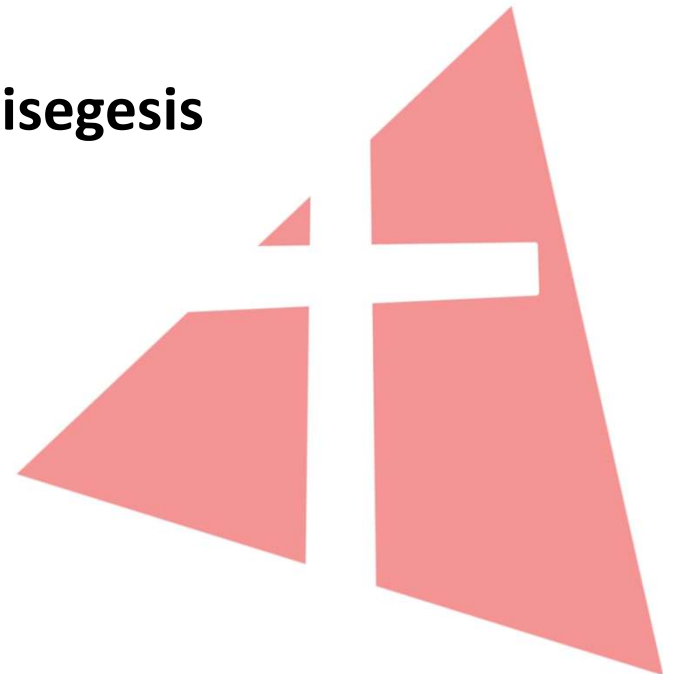
- **Discern the fruit of the person and teaching**

Matthew 7:15-20 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you shall know them.



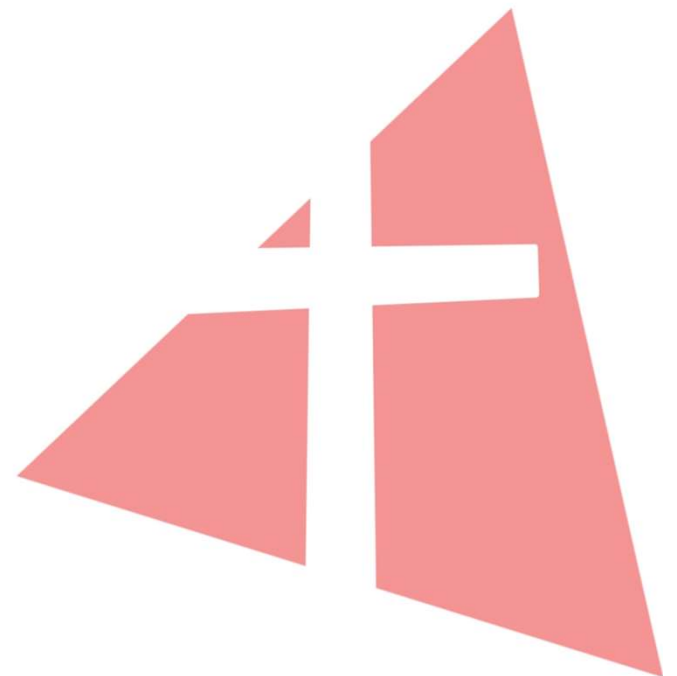
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- Know the difference between Exegesis and Eisegesis



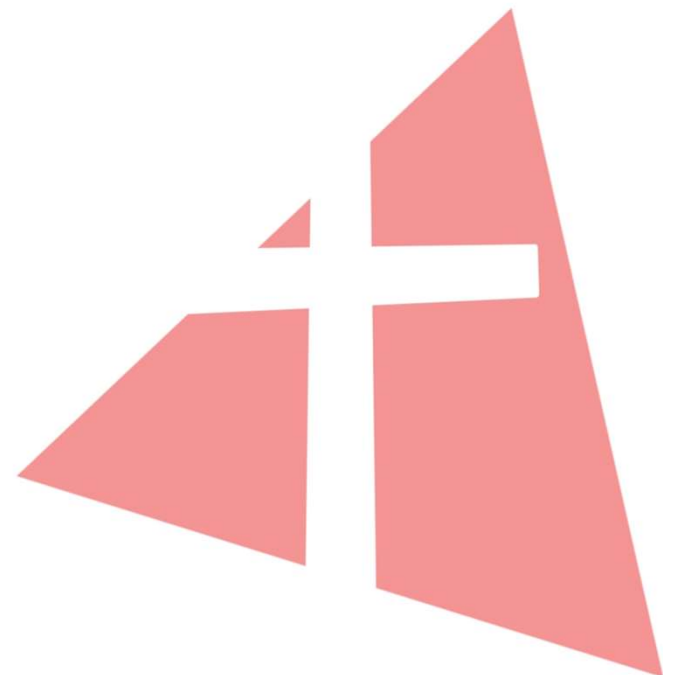
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- **Don't rely on feelings only**



CONCLUSION

- **This world is FULL of lies**
- **There's only one source of Truth: The Bible**

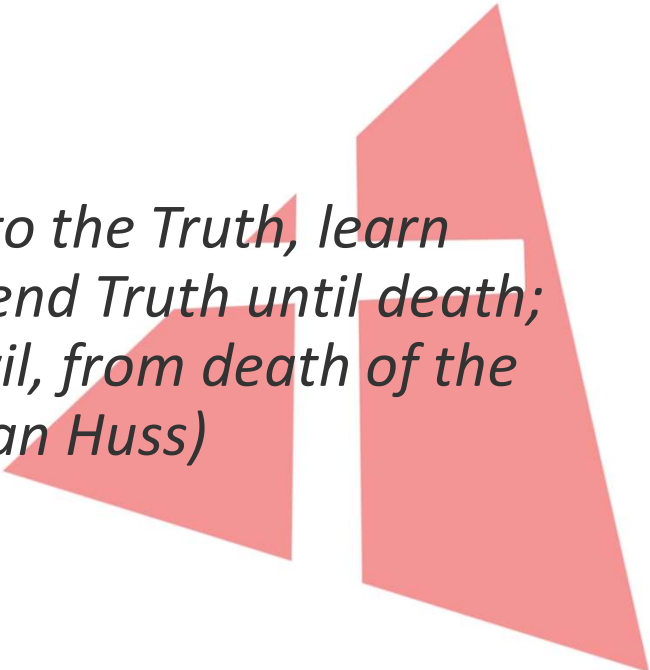


CONCLUSION

- **There's too much at stake**

John 14:6 Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.

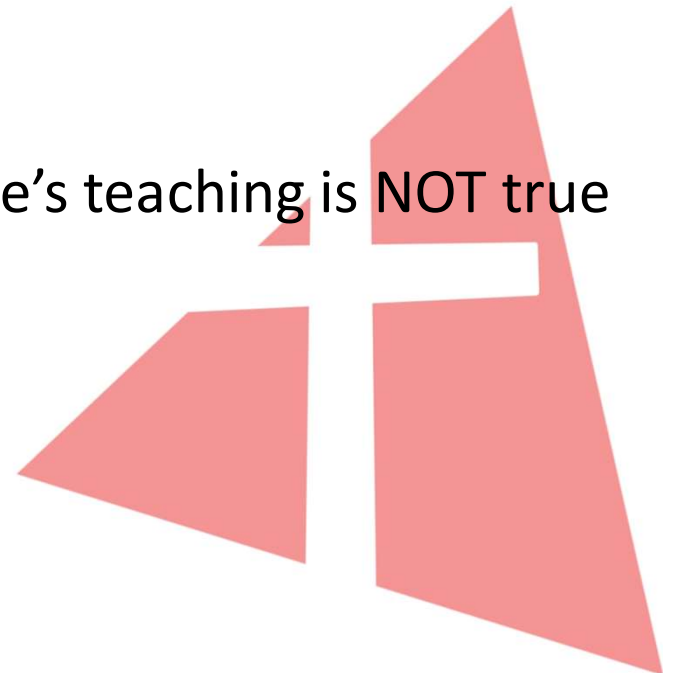
“Therefore, Faithful Christian, seek Truth, listen to the Truth, learn Truth, love Truth, speak Truth, uphold Truth, defend Truth until death; for Truth shall deliver you from sin, from the Devil, from death of the soul, and, in the end, from death everlasting.” (Jan Huss)

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CONCLUSION

- **Sola Scriptura**

- Whatever the Bible says is true
- Anything we hear that contradicts the Bible's teaching is NOT true



CONCLUSION

- **Be a Berean**

