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### **HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH (Part 2)**

As a teacher of the word of truth, I am instructed by the Lord to “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.**” (2 Tim.2:15; 1 Tim.3:15)

What I have witnessed over these 40 years is that people come to DSBC because of a hunger for the truth of the word of God.

(Matt.5:6) “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”  
(Lk.24:32)

Then as suddenly as they came, they leave. They would probably deny what I am about to tell you is the root problem. **CBD has come into conflict** with some worldly (cosmos diabolicus) Old Man core belief that God wants changed because it is hindering reaching and/or maintaining spiritual growth maturity.

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| <p><b>This lesson will study three aspects of Handling the Truth of the word of God.</b></p> |
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#### **1. Conflict within ones Core belief is between conformity to the world’s view of self, life and religion and Transformation resulting from believing the truth of the word of God.**

**(Rom.12:2)**

- “And **do not be** conformed (me suschematizo/ p.m.**impv.2pl**) to this world,
  - (1 John 5:18-20; 2 Tim.2:26)
- **but be** transformed (metamorphoo/ p.p.**impv.2pl**)
  - (1 Pet.2:2; Heb.5:13-14)
- **by the renewing (anakainosis) [to make new] of your mind.**
  - (2 Cor.4:16; Col.3:10; 1 Cor.2:16)
- **so that you** may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
  - (Gal.1:4; James 4:15)

Two commands: Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and Start \_\_\_\_\_

How is transformation done? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is it done? \_\_\_\_\_

Conformity to the world creates, in man, a hunger and thirst for God’s truth at the moment of God consciousness (Rom.1:19-25). This is different than (1 Pet.2:2).

Transformation by the truth of the word of God is what replaces it. (Rom.12:1) is the goal.

2. **When this conflict of core beliefs occurs in a Church Age Believer (CAB), it is really an attack in the angelic conflict (Matt.4:1-2, 10; Eph.6:11-17; Matt.16:23; Luke 22:31).**

The conflict is between absolute truth of God's word verses deception of Satan's lies for core beliefs (Gen.2:16-17; 3:1-7; 1 Tim.2:14; 2 Cor.11:3; John 8:44-47; 2 Tim.3:7; Rom.16:17-18).

It is important to not ignore, deny, doubt or run away from the truth of God's word once you have heard and understood it. (Matt.13:18-23; John 6:64-66; James 5:19-20).

- Pilate (John 18:38; Matt.27:19, 24-26)
- Peter (Matt.16:21-23; 26:74-75)
- Thomas (Matt.20:17-19; John 20:24-29)

This conflict does not become complicated until the Church Age Believer (CAB) attempts to distort or twist the truth of God's word to fit their own agenda, like Jonah or the Judaizers did. (Gal.1:6-7 Acts 15:1, 5).

3. **Changing a core belief from Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus (OMCD) thinking to New Man Divine Viewpoint (NMDV) thinking requires the "renewing the spirit of the mind" (Eph.4:21-24).**

**NOTE:** The word "renewed" in (Eph.4:23) is a different Greek word and phrase than that used in Rom.12:2.

(Eph.4:23) "And that you **be renewed** (ananeo/ p.p.infin) [renovate for better living] in the spirit of your mind (to pneuma tou nous humon)."

(Rom.12:2) "But be transformed by the **renewing** (te anakainosis/ completely new) of your mind (tou nous)."

What are the mechanics of the "renewing of the spirit of the mind", changing from conforming to OMCD thinking to being transformed in your core beliefs by the word of God?

- **Note the comma** after "just as truth is in Jesus" (Eph.4:21).
  - It brings us to a very important truth regarding the **1<sup>st</sup> mechanics of transformation**.
    - "that, in reference to **your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self**, [which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,]"
- **Note the comma** after "the lusts of deceit," (Eph.4:22).
  - It brings us to the **2<sup>nd</sup> mechanics of transformation**.
    - "And that you **be renewed** in the spirit of your mind **and put on the new self**, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

(In the Greek text, there is no comma after Eph.4:23.)

(James 1:21-25)

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| 1:21    | Put aside and receive (Heb.4:12)                          |
| 1:22    | Prove yourself (faith cycle)                              |
| 1:23-24 | Point of conflict – mirror image (2 Cor.3:18; 1 Cor.2:16) |
| 1:25    | Perfect law – liberty and blessed (John 8:32; Matt.5:6)   |

How the Church Age Believer (CAB) **HANDLES THE WORD OF TRUTH** is important to the transformation of his/ her core beliefs.