

## Where We Stand

We are living in the days that the Bible says many people will leave the truth and believe a lie. II Timothy 4:2-4 KJV, “<sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup> And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” II Thessalonians 2:9-12 KJV, “<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: <sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” It saddens me when I see what is happening in the Church world today, especially in the Apostolic Church. I have watched over the years as many that once believed the Apostolic doctrine, separation from the world system, and living a holy lifestyle, have left the truth that was once delivered to the saints. We believe that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God is not a generational God that changes with the times, but He is an eternal God that changes not. Our beliefs do not change according to a "new generations" philosophy. We stay the same as does the Word of God. Our methods may be different but our message remains the same. We are living in the days that the book of Jude has described in verses 3 - 4 NLT, “<sup>3</sup> Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. <sup>4</sup> I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. The condemnation of such

people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." I just want you to know where we stand. We still believe in the doctrine that was once delivered unto the saints. If it was good enough for the Apostles then it is still good enough for us today. If it was sin back then it is still sin today. We believe that we must repent (turn from sin), be baptized in Jesus Name for the remission of sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that we must separate ourselves from the world, meaning its system of thinking. We also still believe in living a holy lifestyle and doing our very best to live according to the word of God. If you are wondering if anyone still believes these things then we are the Church that you are looking for. We are living in the last days. The Bible says that even the very elect will be deceived according to **Matthew 24:24 KJV**, <sup>24</sup> "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." We are still standing for the true Gospel of Jesus Christ not a watered down easy believism doctrine.

Come and worship the Lord with us.

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