

■1Jo 5:1-5; ¶ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith. 5 Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

- Is it possible for God to lie?
- Is it possible for man to make God a liar?
- If so, under what circumstances?
- What are the consequences if we do?
- What is the remedy?

- Is it possible for God to lie?
  - **ABSOLUTELY NOT!**
- •Nu 23:19 "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?
- Tit 1:2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

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Heb 6:17, 18; Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

- Is it possible for God to lie?
  - It is impossible for God to lie
  - God's counsel is immutable
  - God's oath is immutable

- Is it possible for man to make God a liar?
  - Two Bible texts say that we can!

1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

■1Jo 5:10 ¶ He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son.

- If so, under what circumstances?
  - Anytime we fail to believe God!
  - When we deny our sins
  - When we deny the deity of Jesus
  - When we blame God for death, illness, etc.
  - When God doesn't answer prayer as we wish

- If so, under what circumstances?
- •Unbelief
  - Ro 3:1-3; ¶ What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. 3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?

- If so, under what circumstances?
- •Unbelief
  - Ro 3:4-6 Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: "That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged." 5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unjust who inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.) 6 Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

What are the consequences if we do?

Ro 3:7, 8; For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"? --as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

What are the consequences if we do?

Ro 3:9-18; What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one; 11 There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. 12 They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one." ...

What are the consequences if we do?

Ro 3:9-18 cont.; ... 13 "Their throat is an open tomb; With their tongues they have practiced deceit"; "The poison of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

- What is the remedy?
  - Ro 3:19-31; ¶ Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin. 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ....

- What is the remedy?
  - Ro 3:19-31 cont.; ... 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ...

- What is the remedy?
  - Ro 3:19-31 cont.; ... 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Down we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

- Application
  - 2Th 1:6-10; ... since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

- Faith establishes law
- •Unbelief does not negate law
- Where is your faith?
- Are you willing to believe?
- What concerns hold you back?

- Common roadblock
  - My parents/grandparents were \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - I am not willing to admit they were wrong.
  - I am not willing to accept that they will not be saved.

- Our Reasoning
  - My parents/grandparents were religious.
  - They were good people. They cannot be lost!
  - My obedience condemns my parents/grandparents.

- Realities
  - Unbelief does not negate law or truth.
  - Judgment depends on an individual's deeds.
  - Your deeds do not influence God when He judges others.
  - Your judgment depends on your obedience!!
  - Do you believe or are you calling God a liar?