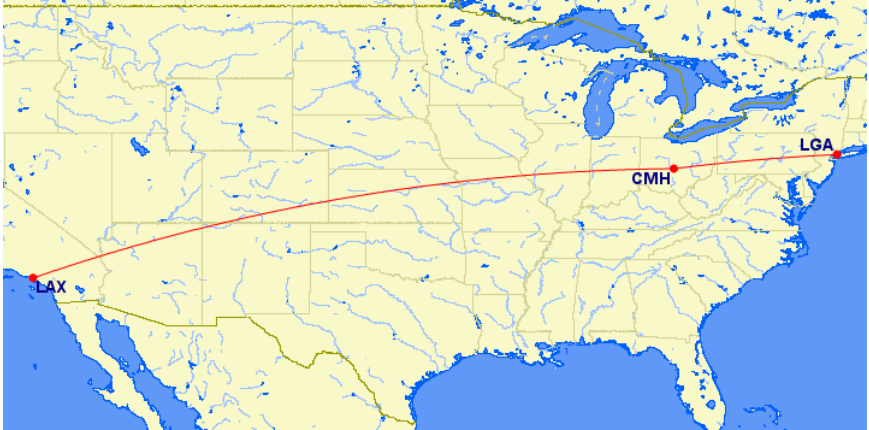


NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

**ARE YOU HOLDING FIRMLY TO THE TRUTH?**

2 John 1:7-13

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*Timothy, guard the Good News which has been entrusted to you.  
Turn away from pointless discussions and the claims of false  
knowledge that people use to oppose the Christian faith. Although  
some claim to have knowledge, they have abandoned the faith.  
1 Timothy 6:20-21 GW*

**What should we watch out for as we hold firmly to the truth?**

**1. Watch out for a warped Christology.**

*For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not  
acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver  
and the antichrist. 2 John 1:7*

*Many false teachers are in the world now. They refuse to say that Jesus Christ  
came to earth and became a man. Anyone who refuses to accept this fact is a  
false teacher and the enemy of Christ. 2 John 1:7 ERV*

\* Anything less than Jesus being the God-man is a demonic lie.

**“We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and  
earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

“And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

“And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.” —Nicene Creed, 325 AD

## **2. Watch out for a warped Gospel.**

*Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. 2 John 1:8-9*

A. Any Christians tolerating falsehood can lose a full reward.

B. Professing Christians who don't abide in truth may not be Christians at all.

C. All Christians are called to be biblically discerning.

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1*

*For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their deeds.*

*2 Corinthians 11:13-15*



*“I wrote this book (Fault Lines) because I love God more than life, the truth more than other’s opinion of me, and the bride of Christ more than my platform. My heart is broken as I watch movements and ideologies ... become entrenched at the highest and most respected levels of evangelicalism. I want to unmask the ideology of Critical Theory, Critical Race Theory, and Intersectionality in hopes that those who have imbibed it can have the blinders removed from their eyes, and those who have bowed in the face of it can stand up, take courage, and ‘contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.’” Dr. Voddie Baucham*

### **3. Watch out for a warped love.**

*If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds. 2 John 1:10-11*

**A. Do not help those who do not abide in the truth.**

*I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed (be condemned to hell).*

*Galatians 1:6-9*

**B. Recognize the evil that is present in false teachers.**

*Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting. Romans 16:17-18*

**We hold to the truth because the truth sets men free.**