

*“Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by Him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: **As free**, and not using your Liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.” 1 Peter 2:13-16 KJV*



Knowing Truth liberates from the liar's trap. There is a difference between knowing and thinking you know. We all believe what we believe, because we choose to believe it based on various reasons from trust to pride. We are prone to believe those we trust without actually verifying the facts. However, those we trust might believe what they say for precisely the same reason leaving Truth and fact in the obscurity of hearsay. Don't even believe what I write without verifying it yourself in God's Word. We might choose to believe a lie if the Truth wounds our pride. Many reject God's Word for this very reason, but *“pride goeth before destruction.”* Grandma might not intentionally lie to me, but she may believe something false, because she trusted someone who trusted someone, who trusted someone, ad infinitum. If a lie is told often enough by enough people it is accepted as truth without any attempt at verification. God's Word is absolute! He is omnipotent. What He says materializes from absolutely nothing if necessary! God cannot lie, because if He says it is, IT IS! If He were to say, “You are not,” you will have never existed! You may contend that you do not believe this, but because a blind man denies the existence of light does not make it so. For a man to deny the existence of God is for a fish to deny the existence of water! Jesus Christ said, *“And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”* To know God's Word is to know the Truth, Jesus, who prayed this for believers, *“Sanctify them through Thy Truth: Thy Word is Truth.” In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.* God's Word frees me from all mortal entanglements. I can cheerfully obey those in authority, because I belong to God and He will protect me even from evil rulers and laws. *“If God be for us, who can be against us?”* This does not preclude me from declaring a law or action to be evil if that is the case and where man's law conflicts with divine law, there can be no compromise, because *“we ought to obey God rather than man.”* When we know Truth we are free from the manipulation of wicked rulers and we can warn others of the lie. I will not call someone a liar until I'm sure, but I will not believe it unless I verify it with the only standard of absolute Truth: God's Word. If you study it well enough, in its pages you will find the wisdom to deal with all philosophies and men from family to enemies. *“The fear of man layeth a snare.”* I can live unencumbered by fear if I walk with God, that is, in obedience to His Word!

I freely walk among all men,
Unperturbed by evil's din,
And I shall live eternally,
For faith in Christ delivers me! ~CGP

What motivates your beliefs? Fear? Pride? Lust? Believing or denying God is a personal choice that will determine your eternal destiny. Once you pass through death's portal, there is no return, reincarnation, or do-overs. TODAY is *“the Day of Salvation.”* You have no guarantee of a tomorrow or even the next minute!

“Stand fast therefore in the Liberty (God's Word) wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (sin).” Galatians 5:1 KJV