

This is a list of false beliefs that contain lies designed to sound close to the truth.

1. The Belief About God the Father

Christian orthodoxy teaches that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully man, eternally equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Trinity (John 1:1, Colossians 2:9). Jesus remains the supreme authority on earth and in heaven even after His ascension (Matthew 28:18). The belief that Jesus no longer holds authority or that His earthly reign has ended contradicts the Bible's teaching about His ongoing kingship and priesthood.

The false belief:

This belief claims that Jesus no longer has authority on earth, and that only God the Father now has authority. It also falsely teaches that the rapture of the church has already happened, so there is nothing left to wait for, and outward holiness is unnecessary.

Why this is false:

- Jesus declared, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18, ESV). This authority is ongoing and universal.

- The Bible encourages believers to live holy lives, reflecting their new identity in Christ (1 Peter 1:15-16).
- The rapture, or the gathering of believers to Christ, is clearly described as a future event (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

Misunderstanding Satan's identity:

This belief wrongly calls Satan a "Cherub," implying he still holds a heavenly rank. However, the Bible teaches that Satan was cast down due to rebellion (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:12-17). Revelation 12:9 (ESV) describes him as "that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world."

Historical note:

This belief originated in Tanzania around 2003, appealing to those who prefer not to study Scripture deeply but want quick answers.

Warning from Scripture:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:15-16,)

2. The Belief in Praying to the Dead ni

Biblical teaching emphasizes Jesus Christ as the sole mediator between God and humanity (1 Timothy 2:5). After death, a person's eternal destiny is sealed (Hebrews 9:27). The Bible never supports the idea that the dead pray for the living or vice versa.

The false belief:

This belief teaches that dead saints can pray for the living and that we can pray for the dead, suggesting there is a second chance or ongoing influence after death.

Why this is false:

- Scripture states there is one mediator: Jesus Christ (1 Timothy 2:5-6). No human being, living or dead, can mediate salvation.
- Jesus said, "You will die in your sins unless you believe that I am He" (John 8:24), emphasizing the necessity of faith in this life.
- After death, judgment follows (Hebrews 9:27); there is no second chance or intercession from the dead.
- The Bible contains no example of a dead saint praying for the living, nor a living saint praying for the dead.

Role of Jesus in prayer:

Jesus intercedes for believers (Romans 8:34) while they are alive, not after death. He prays that God will forgive repentant sinners.

Warning from Scripture:

“The Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons.” (1 Timothy 4:1)

Both beliefs are serious departures from biblical truth and are rooted in deception designed to mislead Christians. The Bible calls us to remain vigilant, study Scripture carefully, and reject teachings that contradict Christ’s authority and the clear teaching on salvation.

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