God's Word

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Ephesians 5:1-6, "Be ve therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. *Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things* cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience".

this world. This is God's Word, not some made up doctrine of men. Yet, men try to change what God has plainly said. They may fool some people, and even themselves, but what God has said is what

man will be judged by.

When I read these scriptures, and others, that tell us that God will not tolerate sin, I do not see how anyone can dare to say otherwise. Christians are saved from sin, not saved to sin. While Christians can slip and sin, they do not do it without remorse and repentance. The could live in sin and still go to heaven. One man on the radio some sinner, and the hypocrite, sin and think nothing of it, while the person who takes his salvation seriously is sorry for each failure and sin. When there is sorrow, there will be repentance and turning to God in the heart of the true believer.

Did you notice that verse 2 says to walk, (live) in love? He means the love of God, not the love of the world. If a man loves the world, $\underline{1}$ John 2:15 tells us "that the love of the Father is not in him." If we love the Lord it will show in the way the life is lived here on earth. Verses 3-5 says that the person who lives in and for the flesh has no These verses show how God will have his children to live in inheritance with the Lord. It does not matter if such a person claims to be a Christian or not, that person is and will be lost. (Matt. 7:21).

Verse 6 warns us about being deceived by vain, untrue, words. They may sound sweet to the ear, but are false and will cause a person

to be lost. Since we know that God's Word is true, we don't have to wonder about how to respond when man says something different. We know to refuse such falsehood and to hold to the true Word of God. For instance I have heard some who have claimed that a person years ago said that a man could do a vile sin and that God might kill him and take him to heaven before he could do another. I turned him off because it was a false doctrine, God says that it is for these sins that the wrath of God comes on the children of disobedience.

Remember that the devil deceived man in the beginning and his followers continue doing the same today. Why are so many tricked into believing a lie? Is it because they want to sin, but they want to go to heaven too? Well, we have seen what God has said, and we know what man says. Now we have to decide who to believe and to follow. I believe God and that what He said in the past is, and will always be true. In Jeremiah 44:28 He spoke of those who refuse to to obey the prophet and said that they "shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or theirs."

