

THE DELUSION OF FAULTY BELIEFS

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Jesus said the when you know the truth, “the truth shall set you free.” If truth sets a person free, lies create bondage in our lives. The trouble with a belief system built on lies is that our beliefs *seem* to be absolutely true. Sometimes all the proof in the world can’t convince a person that his belief system is a structure of deception.

Consider the following example: Read the following sentence *aloud*.

FINISHED FILES ARE THE RE-
SULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIF-
IC STUDY COMBINED WITH
THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.

Did you read it aloud? Look again and count how many times the letter “f” appears in the sentence. What is your answer? Did you answer “three”? Well, you’re wrong. Count again. Did you find only three again? Well, you’re still wrong. You may be thinking, “He’s crazy!! I know how to read and know how to count—there are three “f”s there! No, there are six.

This is the way it is when a person holds false beliefs. To him, it seems impossible that he could be wrong. It takes the revelation of the Holy Spirit through God’s Word to understand the error of faulty beliefs. Now, allow me to reveal your mistake to you. Go back and read the sentence again, this time counting the “f”s that appear in the word “of.” Now how many “f”s do you find?

If you are like most people, you were convinced that you were right with your first count. Now that the truth has been revealed to you, it is very apparent how wrong you really were before you saw it clearly. That’s the way it is with faulty beliefs. Will you pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal any false beliefs you may be holding on to?

“Lord Jesus, my heart desires to know only what is holy, pure, and true.
Please reveal to me any misbeliefs concerning You, myself, others, and
My circumstances that are untrue. Thank You that Your Holy Spirit is
the only One who can reveal this to me. I am trusting Him to do that in
His way and in His time. Amen.”