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Apologies for the lateness of this Thank You, the Holiday Season let things get away from me.

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(clip and save for future reference)

In part two we learned about three fallacies. A fallacy is a trick used in an argument. Fallacies may make an argument feel right, even if it's not based on facts.

The three fallacies we learned before were:

- 1. Post Hoc Fallacy** - Saying one thing caused another just because it happened first.
- 2. False Analogy** – Saying if two things are alike in some ways, they are alike in all ways.
- 3. Appeal to authority** – Saying that something is true because someone says it is even if that person is not an expert.

**Here are three more fallacies:**

**Moral Equivalence** – Saying that two actions are equally wrong, even though one is small while the other is serious. These are used to excuse bad behavior or attack a group of people.

Here are three examples:

- "Native Americans attacked white settlers too. They were no better than the settlers."
- "Making people register guns is just as bad as Nazis making Jews register with the German government."
- "I'm white and I've been treated badly by a black person, so I've faced racism too."

**Band Wagon Appeal (Ad Populum)** – Saying that a person should believe something because everyone else believes it. This pressures people to "jump on the winning side" or makes them afraid of standing out.

- "I won by a landslide, so I can do whatever I want."
- "Everyone else is doing it. Why can't I?"
- "It's obvious to everyone that Social Security is just a Ponzi scheme."
- The Salem Witch Trials and the Red Scare of the 1950s are examples of scaring people into agreeing with one side to avoid punishment.

**False Dichotomy Fallacy** – Saying there are only two choices when there are really many options. This makes problems seem simpler than they are and forces people to choose sides.

- "You're either with us – or against us."
- "The only question is: Do you believe in science or do you believe in religion?"
- "David criticizes Capitalism, so he must be a Communist."
- "Either you're my friend or you're hers."

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# AND GOD SAYS...

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• John 5:24 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

• John 6:47 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."

• John 13:20 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me."

Did you know that Jesus was in total disagreement with the modern philosophy that believes "Everything is relative. There are no absolutes." Don't believe me? Just read the above verses.

The word "verily" in the Greek is the word that we use to end our prayers. It is the word that is transliterated into the English word "Amen," and literally means "so be it." Jesus repeats it in each verse to emphasize the absolute truth of his statements. There is no room for differing opinions or debate, extenuating circumstances, or even defiance, argument, protest, or rebellion.

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These facts are all indisputable, validated by historic documentation, trustworthy eyewitnesses, and prophetic revelation.

The truth is, whether you believe it or not, this is the reality for your future. Jesus will sit on his throne and make his judgments based on these absolutes. The only question will be, will you be receiving life or death? Today is the day given to you to decide. If you believe Jesus and live according to that faith, you will receive eternal life. If not, you will receive eternal death. That's God's absolute truth.

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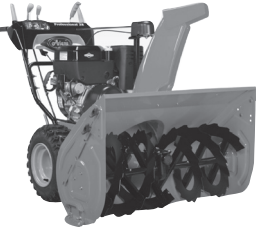


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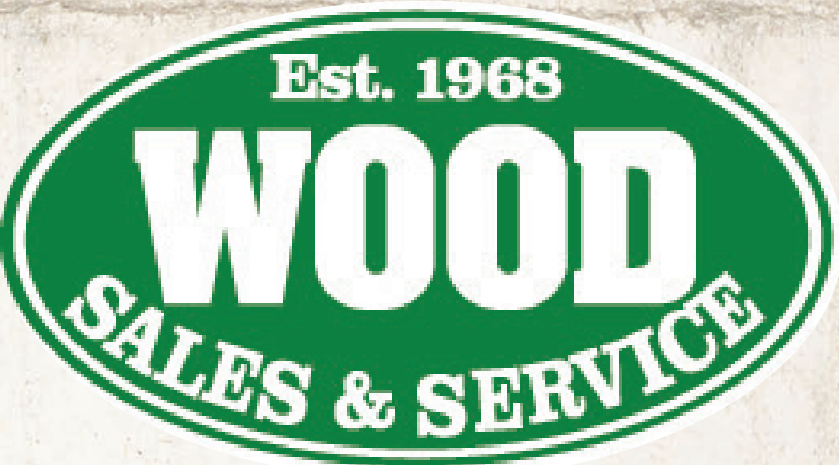
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