

# Religion-Free Christianity

**COURSE INSTRUCTIONS:** The information in this notebook is essential to your success in this course! *READ IT CAREFULLY!*

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# Assignments that **MUST BE** **SUBMITTED** to Your Instructor for Grading

The following chart lists all of the assignments that must be graded by your instructor **before you will receive a grade and credit for this course**. The lesson number for the assignment is shown. Look in the ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE of this notebook for details on completing the assignment correctly. **TURN IN YOUR WORK TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR ACCORDING TO THIS SCHEDULE.**

Set goals for yourself right now. Each lesson requires approximately five hours of work. If you complete one lesson each week, you will complete the course in three months. This is a reasonable goal for most people. You should try to complete it in no more than four months, unless unforeseen circumstances prevent it.

Fill in the “DATE DUE” column of the chart below with the GOAL DATE you set for yourself to reach each point of the course. For example, if you are going to try to complete one lesson each week, and the first assignment is due in Lesson Six, write in the date which is six weeks from today in the “DATE DUE” column next to

the first assignment due below. When you actually complete the assignment, SEND IT TO YOUR INSTRUCTOR and write in the date that you do so. If there are “Yes/No” check boxes, put a check mark in the “Yes” column when you complete and submit that assignment.

**YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A GRADE FOR THE COURSE OR BE CREDITED AS COMPLETING THE COURSE UNTIL ALL OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND GRADED BY YOUR INSTRUCTOR.**

Assignments			
	Date Due	Date Submitted	Grade
Test One (Lesson 7)			
Answers to 49 Lies Exercises			
Answers to The Supernatural Church Exercises			
Final Paper			
Final Test			

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# How to Submit Your Assignments

**NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document** to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will be not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

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## Description

This course explores 49 religious lies Jesus tells us to stop believing. We all come into our new life in the Spirit carrying misconceptions, lies and half-truths about the Lord and what it means to be His followers. If we insist on clinging to these remnants of our past, we will never experience the full freedom He promises, for it is the Truth that sets us free (Jn. 8:32). In this course you will be faced with many of those lies and see the Lord's response to them through both personal journaling and the Scriptures. As you are released from the bondage of deception, you will be enticed into a new way of living and "doing church" – the supernatural way.

(Prerequisite: REN103/503)

## Course Texts

**49 Lies** book by Mark and Patti Virkler

**49 Lies** audio or video teaching series by Mark Virkler

***Release from Religion*** workbook by Caleb Institute

***The Supernatural Church*** by Mark and Patti Virkler

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## Course Objectives

- You will quote each of the following Scriptures in the versions indicated:
  - ✓ I Timothy 1:5 NASB 1995
  - ✓ Romans 8:14 NKJ
  - ✓ Psalm 94:1 NASB
  - ✓ Zechariah 4:6b
  - ✓ Deuteronomy 28:1, 2AMP
  - ✓ Micah 6:8 NJKV
  - ✓ Psalm 24:1 NASB
- You will state and discuss a six-pillared methodology for discovering truth.
- You will repent of the lies that you have believed that have prevented you from living your spiritual life to its fullest, and you will live in the truth the Spirit reveals to you.
- Your dependency on Holy Spirit to live your Christian life through you will soar, taking you to new levels of freedom and holiness.
- You will choose to eat from The Tree of Life – communion with God – rather than the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.
- You will state the four keys to hearing God's voice.
- You will embrace your emotions as part of the language of your heart.
- You will honor the Kingdom emotions that are the fruit of the Holy Spirit within you.
- You will walk as a member of the Body of Christ, seeking the spiritual counsel of others.
- You will embrace the Lord's calling on your life as sacred and spiritual, whatever area of life it may be in.

- You will renounce any belief in a sacred/secular split, recognizing that the earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
- You will discuss what a healthy church looks like: its leadership, its activities, and its gatherings.

### Course Requirements:

**NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document** to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

1. Listen to or watch the entire *49 Lies* teaching series as assigned.
2. Completely read the *49 Lies* text as assigned, answering all Personal Application and Think and Discuss questions. These answers will be submitted to your instructor and graded for completeness and personal reflection. Be sure to do two-way journaling when instructed to. NOTE: You are not required to agree with everything taught in the two texts, but any disagreement should be clearly thought out and biblically supported.
3. Complete the *Release from Religion* study guide as assigned. This text lays out the biblical support for the truths Mark receives through his journaling in 49 Lies, strengthening your foundation for the revelations you are receiving. You can check your answers to this workbook using the answer key in the back of the book. The answers will NOT be submitted to your instructor.
4. Completely read *The Supernatural Church* and answer all discussion questions. Answers to these questions will be submitted to your instructor for grading on completeness and personal reflection. See #2 above.

While the *49 Lies* materials approach the topic from a more negative perspective (“This is what you shouldn’t believe or do”), *The Supernatural Church* addresses very similar topics in a more

positive way (“This is what you should believe and do”). The readings in the two texts may not totally line up in the same lesson, but they are ultimately complementary and will help you see how the truths learned can be walked out.

5. Submit a paper discussing what the Lord has done in your life through this course. This will be in two parts:
  - a) Discuss changes in your beliefs, your ways of thinking, and your actions that the Lord has brought in your life. Be sure to reference specific lies addressed in the texts as well as supernatural aspects of a healthy church.
  - b) Spend time in two-way journaling, asking the Lord each of the following questions:
    - 1) Lord, are there any lies that I believe about You that You want to address right now?
    - 2) Lord, are there any lies about myself that I believe that You want to correct?
    - 3) Lord, are there any lies I believe about my family or friends?
    - 4) Lord, are there any lies I believe about how I am to live my life for you?

Include all your journaling in your final paper, which is to be a minimum of five pages and is due in the final lesson.

6. Earn at least a “B” on all tests. NOTE: The “Course Objectives” are key to success on the test, not the “Lesson Objectives.”



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## Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

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# Lesson One

## Assignment to be completed:

NOTE: Save your answers into a digital document to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

NOTE: COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENTS IN THE ORDER GIVEN! The order is not random but carefully planned to help you get the most out of the course.

Prayerfully read the Introduction and Chapter 1 of **49 Lies**. Complete the “Think and Discuss” and “Personal Response” sections at the end of the chapter. (You may not be able to do the group questions but the more you do, the more you will be impacted by the course.) Honestly complete the “Symptoms of Phariseeism” test, allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal your heart to you.

Complete the Scripture meditations and research in Chapter 1 of ***Release from Religion***. This text lays out the biblical support for the truths Mark receives through his journaling in 49 Lies, strengthening your foundation for the revelations you are receiving.

Prayerfully read and answer the questions in Chapter 2 of **49 Lies**. Remember, these will be submitted to your instructor.

Complete the questions in Chapter 2 of ***Release from Religion***. These will NOT be submitted to your instructor.

Read the Introduction and Chapter One of ***The Supernatural Church***, answering the “Thoughts for the Discussion” questions. These will be submitted to your instructor.

Memorize I Timothy 1:5 NASB 1995.

## **Subjects to be explored:**

Pharisees Then and Now

Replacing Rationalism with a Broad-based Philosophy for Knowing Truth

Experiencing Heart Realities

## **Related objectives:**

- You will quote I Timothy 1:5 NASB 1995. (But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.)
- You will discuss the historical and contemporary meanings of “Pharisee.”
- You will discuss the relationship between the Pharisees and Jesus.
- You will recognize and renounce any pharisaical tendencies or characteristics in your own life.
- You will explain why “new wine skins” are needed for new moves of God.
- You will explain why Ishmael is a symbol of man’s efforts while Isaac is symbolic of God’s supernatural provision.
- You will name and explain the six biblical pillars for establishing truth.
- You will state and discuss the Scriptural goal of instruction.