## **Doctrinal Studies:**

## **PSEUDO-HAPPINESS**

- 1. Pseudo-happiness (PH) is Satan's attempt to counterfeit the happiness, the contentment, the blessing that God has provided for every church age believer.
- 2. PH can only exist when the believer is involved in the satanic plan of thinking. Arrogance in the soul is a guarantee of unhappiness. Motivational arrogance precedes functional arrogance, and results in a frantic (and increasingly unfulfilled) search for happiness.
- 3. Mass unhappiness destroys the potential for contentment among those who have the potential of happiness.
- 4. There's a false concept that people and pleasant circumstances can make a person happy.
- 5. Satan has a system of power, authority and control, by which he distracts, deludes and deceives mankind into false notions about what constitutes happiness in life (John 12:31, 14:30; 16:1; 2 Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2).
- 6. A person dependent upon another person or a set of circumstances for happiness will be weak and will not have happiness.
- 7. This person takes his happiness with him/her wherever life takes him, not dependent on environment, associations, circumstances, prosperity or adversity.
- 8. The system of pseudo-happiness involves being locked into Satan's cosmic program. Stimulating, fun, entertaining and even enjoyable YES but not permanent it is only momentary.
- 9. PH is associated with any form of emotion.
- Satan has promoted many myths: marriage happiness; sex happiness, success happiness; prosperity – happiness; social life – happiness. NO! Only RECEPTION – RETENTION – RECALL = HAPPINESS.