

The Truth

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In Today's world people look for what is the truth all the time. People want to know what to believe. In a world filled with false stories, varying opinions, etc. what is "the truth". When it comes to the Bible, things are no different. There are various opinions and people want to hold to the truth, but is that man's truth and tradition or rather the Word of God.

When you look at truth from a Biblical perspective, it is important to note a few passages. In John 1:17, we see that truth came by Jesus Christ, one who lived perfectly in this world. In John 17:17, it is revealed that God's Word is truth. Where better to find truth than the creator of all things? In 1 John 5:6, John writes and shows that the Holy Spirit is truth. The writings then, as guided by the Holy Spirit encompass the Truth today.

Where does this truth come from? In John 16:13, the Spirit of truth guided the apostles into all truth. In 2 Timothy 3, all Scripture is given by God that makes one wise to salvation. In 1 Timothy 3:15, the church is the pillar and support of the truth. In 1 Corinthians 1:21, God saves through the proclamation of the truth of Christ. Faith comes from the truth in the Scriptures. (Acts 17:11-12).

What can this truth do for us? Truth cleanses us and frees us. (John 15:3, 8:31-32) We are brought forth by the truth. (James 1:18) Truth can purify us as seen in 1 Peter 1:22-23. By truth, we are able to walk freely and with God. (Psalm 15:2) Ephesians 6:14 shows that a Christian can stand firmly in truth. Truth is protection from sin, because through truth sin is exposed. (Psalm 119:9-11) Earlier in Ephesians 4, the Christian uses truth to grow spiritually. The truth also is a source of hope. As shown in Romans 15, the Old Testament is a source of hope and comfort. Truth exposes and shows what has happened in times past. By drawing on those who've been before us, we can understand situations and their results easier. John 6:44-45, it is part of the drawing effect of Christ by God's power. When people only tell the truth, others are drawn to them. Jesus showed the truth in the way He lived and prophecy He fulfilled.

What happens if we reject this truth? As with anything, truth can be rejected by men. It is not forced upon anyone, but all must choose to accept and obey it or deny it. The Scriptures are clear about the one who rejects the truth. It means alienation from God. (Ephesians 4:18-19) Denying the truth condemns one as they are instead following something false. (2 Thess. 2:10-12) Hosea 4:6 warns us of God's people being destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Rejecting truth means being taken captive by Satan. (2 Tim. 2:25-26) Remember Jesus warned that men would be judged by His words. (John 12:48) This all leads to death of the soul. (James 5:19-20). There is serious danger in rejecting truth. The results of such are not pleasant in any way.

Let's also answer one other question. What is the truth concerning sin? Romans 3:23 reminds us that all have sinned and fallen short. It is something that affects everyone. Romans 6:23 state that the wages of sin is death. The price of sin is a great amount. Sin cannot be cleansed except through the shedding of blood. (Hebrews 9:22) Just as with the Old Law, an acceptable sacrifice must be made to atone for sin. Jesus Christ carried the price of sin in His death. (1 Peter 2:24) By this perfect sacrifice, there is remission of sin for us today. Romans 6 shows that a person reaches the death of Christ in baptism. Through baptism, we have the remission of sins and no other way.

Truth that comes from God must be adhered to as there are eternal matters at stake. Truth is a dying item in this world but this truth must be respected and taught. —**CW**