

WHAT IS TRUTH?

“Jesus answered, *‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’*” (John 14:6). The Bible finds its focus on the Son of God. He is the main feature from beginning to end in the Scriptures. In the Old Testament He is the sought-for prophesied Messiah and is pictured in the animal sacrifices of the Levitical types and shadows. In the New Testament He is the true light and truth of God, and the reality of all the Old Testament types.

In John 8:12 Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”* Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He promised that He would have His Father send the Holy Spirit to His disciples that would guide them into all truth. *“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come”* (John 16:13). In John 8:32 and 36 we read, *“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.....So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”* In John 6:28, 29 we read, *“Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works (plural) God requires?’ Jesus answered, ‘The work (singular) of God is this -- to believe in the one he has sent.’”* It is on the foundation of this truth, then, that we find the basis and substance for knowing God and His purposes. The Apostle Paul states in 2 Tim. 3:16 (ASV), *“Every Scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness.”*

We are living in the day of great deceptions. Christianity is under attack on all fronts. New Age books and music with their subtle humanistic message can be found prominently displayed in almost every book store. Even many in Christianity have come to accept the world’s philosophy that there are no moral absolutes. Abortion is not just practiced by non-Christians alone. Those living together outside of marriage include many who claim to be Christians. Ecumenism has embraced almost all heathen religions along with Christianity. Many have been drawn into the Eastern teachings of trans-meditation, yoga, chanting and similar rituals that tend toward mind control. Satan is having a field day and is overjoyed with his success. How cautious the Christian needs to be. 2 Thess. 2:3, 4 tells us, *“Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshipped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.”* Yes, Satan, the “father of lies” (John 8:44), is still very active. The Apostle John gives us very good advice in 1 John 4:1-3: *“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.”*

To gain Biblical truth, one needs honesty, humility, meekness and a willing, open mind which may result in having to discard some preconceived ideas. Those Christians that we read about in Acts 17:11 showed the proper mindset for coming to a clear knowledge of truth: *“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”* Another good word of advice is found in 1 Thess. 5:21: *“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”*

The truth can be found in Jesus Christ *alone*. Jesus has revealed God to us. He said, *"If you have seen me, you have seen the Father"* (John 14:9). 1 Cor. 1:30 states, *"It is because of him (God) that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God -- that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption."* The Apostle Paul realized this and was totally focused on Jesus. These are his words in 1 Cor. 2:2: *"For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."*

Jesus is indeed the source of all godly wisdom. He promised His believers the Holy Spirit that would reveal to them the deep things of God. In 1 John 2:27 we read, *"As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit -- just as it has taught you, remain in him."* May we all seek TRUTH in Jesus alone!

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