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WHAT IS TRUTH?

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Every time I address this grand theme, the more I love, respect and appreciate the value of God's revealed truth (word). God's truth will endure forever and ever (cf. Psa. 119:160). The wise man Solomon said concerning the value of it, "*Buy the truth and sell it not*" (Prov. 23:23). Solomon was no doubt aware of the consequences of those who, in times before, had sold the truth. How sad that he did not follow his own God-revealed advice.

Adam and Eve were recipients of God's revealed truth. For the price of a piece of forbidden fruit and a promise of enlightenment, they sold it. They immediately began to learn how foolish they had been. They paid for it the rest of their lives.

Cain was instructed in how to worship God but allowed his own ego to attempt to improve upon God's truth. Rejected by God, he became jealous of his own brother, who had not sold the truth, and murdered him. He paid a very high price for the rest of his life. Many other examples may be found in God's holy word of individuals and nations who sold the truth and reaped bitter consequences. The nation of Israel fell from God's grace and become the slaves of heathens.

Romans 15:4 tells us these things were written for our learning. But as a nation, we have not learned these lessons; and, so many individuals have not learned them either. The price to be paid is high indeed. God will forgive if we will turn from our evil ways and once again embrace his truth.

AMERICA IS SELLING THE TRUTH

John Adams wrote: "Power always thinks it has great soul and vast views beyond the comprehension of the weak; and that it is doing God's service, when it is violating all of His laws." How very evident his statement is today as our Bible-based constitution is being ignored, twisted and perverted. Legislators (and the courts alike) claim to find authority for violating both the constitution and God's law in such things as making abortion legal, changing the definition of marriage, taking property from some and giving it to others, outlawing the preaching of the Bible and labeling it as "hate speech," forbidding the teaching of Divine creation in public schools and in turn teaching the godless ever-changing theories of men.

To state it simply, American education has sold the truth of man's origin for the unproven and unprovable hypotheses of origin known as evolution. We are now reaping the whirlwind of such folly. Discipline in classrooms is the exception and no longer the rule. Students who have no knowledge of the true and living God are behaving like the animals they have been taught they are. When the Bible, prayer and discipline were in schools, there was no need to have guards. There were no instances of students settling their frustrations by mass murder. Sin has consequences.

American society today is in a free-fall of moral and spiritual decadence. Poverty and welfare rolls increase while America is drowning in debt. America has become a nation where the so-called rights of a minority are more important than the will of the majority. Our elected officials no longer consider themselves as the servants of the people but as the masters of the people. They make laws that benefit themselves while they make different laws for the people they are supposed to serve.

THE BLIND QUESTION OF PILATE

Pilate asked, “what is truth” (John 18:38)? It was a question to which he was not really seeking an answer (like so many today who are not seeking the truth). It is an attempt to pretend that there is no such thing as truth. This attitude actually began among false religious teachers who have gone about to write their own creeds and to establish their own churches. The popular concept of many is that truth is “subjective” and is not the “objective” absolute. Tell that, if you will, to those in times past who fell for the same deception. Was it not Satan that suggested to Eve that what God said was not objective absolute truth? She put her own interpretation on God’s instructions. How did that work out for her?

Jesus, the embodiment of truth, was standing before Pilate who was blind (by choice) to the truth. None are so blind as those who refuse to see the truth. Pilate refused to believe the Son of God for his own personal gain. Jesus said, *“I am the way, the truth and the life, No man comes to the Father but by me”* (John 14:6)). Man’s spiritual blindness is a matter of choice. Jesus spoke to the masses in parables because their *“...heart is waxed gross, and [their] ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with [their] eyes and hear with [their] ears, and should understand with [their] heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them”* (Matt. 13:15).

THE TRUTH IS GOD’S WORD

“Sanctify them through thy truth thy word is truth” (John 17:17). Truth therefore is the means by which God separates the saved from the lost. We are told the saving truth is only found in God’s holy, inspired word (cf. 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). It is the one and only truth for all living. There are not many truths as society believes and teaches. God is no respecter of persons. There is one and only one truth for all. He gave Adam and Eve the one and same truth. “The truth” does not allow for some other so-called truth. It in fact excludes everything else. Paul spoke of the gospel as “the” power of God unto salvation thereby excluding all else (Rom. 1:16).

DO NOT BE DECEIVED BY FALSE TEACHING

The belief and teaching that one faith is as good as another did not come from God. No scripture so teaches. The belief and teaching of men that one church is as good as another did not come from God, but from Satan-guided men. There are many other beliefs and doctrines of men that will not stand on judgment day. We will not be judged by the creeds and doctrines of men, but by the very words of Jesus Christ.

Learn to seek, love and embrace the truth for therein you will find freedom from error and sin (John 8:31-32). The pathway to heaven is paved with the stepping-stones of truth. Where He leads, we must follow.

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News & Notes

- We are sad to announce the passing of **Stacy Ritter** at this time. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and we will let you know as soon as they are available. Please keep her family in prayer, children **Angel** and **Cameron** and husband **Joshua**. They are devastated.
- Brother **Willie Franklin** will be here in **November 8-9** and post cards are available to handout on the foyer table. Lunch will need to be provided on Saturday and **Crystal** is in charge of the menu! Please invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy fellowship with us!
- Our **Third Sunday Singing and Fellowship Meal** will be tonight ! Bring a dish and a friend!
****Since cooler weather has come around finally, bring your favorite soup, sandwiches and desserts!**
- Our pantry is running low and we need canned goods of any kind. Remember no cornmeal, flour or things of that nature please.
- **Daylight Savings time** is right around the corner! November 2nd remember to:



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

22nd- Kristen Clements

27th- James Kennedy

30th- Ray'Nieciya Hills

28th- James & Doris Kennedy (Anniversary)



Prayer List



**Alice Riley
Clifford Markum
Sherry Towle
Margo Rodney
Judy Hennessee
Ella Gillard
Krisztian Montague
Addrean Jenkins
Gloria Smiles
Joel James
Ryker Amaya
Gary Huettmann**

***All of our brethren scattered across
the United States & our troops in
Iraq**



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**Services of The Church
Sunday**

Bible Classes 9:00 am
AM Worship 10:00 am
PM Worship 6:00 pm

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Bible Classes 7:00 pm

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