

Truth – Part 1

Big Picture: every subject, all-encompassing Truth (Ps 24:1)

Jesus, Pilate, and Politics

(Jn 18:37-38) Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, “I find no fault in Him at all.

Jesus...

Purpose: Testify for Truth – much larger than salvation gospel, all truth
all other purposes are subsets of this primary purpose
seek lost (Lk 19:10)
preach gospel, heal, set free (Lk 4:17-21)
provide abundant life (Jn 10:10)

Perspective: everyone is Separated into Two Realms

(1Jn 5:19-20) We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ.

light/Dark, Freedom/Bondage, Truth/Deception

(Mt 10:32-39) “Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; and ‘a man's enemies will be those of his own household.’ He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”

Truth forces Choice (Separation – 2 Realms)

Pilate...Jaded Politician (contemporary comparison)

What happens to a Nation that becomes Jaded toward Truth?

Effect of Truth and the Strategy of the Enemy

(Isa 59:4, 13-15) No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. ...In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

Truth is the Foundation Justice and Righteousness are built on Satan...

Purpose: Kill, Steal, Destroy (Jn 10:10)

Nature: Liar

(Jn 8:44) "You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it."

Strategy: Attack Truth – "Did God really say..." (Gen 3:1)

(Da 8:12) Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground.

Jesus...

(Isa 42:1-4) Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ...He will bring forth justice for (according to) truth. He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth;

(Zec 8:3) Thus says the LORD: I will return to Zion, and dwell in the midst of Jerusalem.

Jerusalem shall be called the City of Truth,

(Ps 146:6) Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; Who keeps truth forever,

All Truth (Jn 14:6) Every Subject

(Col 2:2-4, 8) attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. ...Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

(Jn 1:14, 17) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ...For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

literally "fleshed out" Understanding of His Ways (beyond rules ~ ex: math)

He opened His Truth Realm to us

(Col 1:13) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

Grace = Ability (empowerment) to Walk in Truth

Helper...Internal Keeper of Truth (every subject)

(Jn 15:26) But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

(Jn 16:13-15) However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore, I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

He passed on the job of Testifying to the All-Encompassing Truth to Us!

(Jn 17:14-19) I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Keep them walking in the Truth Realm

I have sent them to Testify to the Truth

All Encompassing Truth – this is what it means to be Light
our Nation is depending on the Church Walking in Truth