

Truth – Part 2

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

Truth is not just a Belief System, it's another Realm/Culture/Lifestyle

Belief is inseparable from Behavior

(Jas 2:18-19) ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Behavior is Evidence of Belief.

(Jas 3:13-14) ¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

Bad Behavior make our Beliefs a Lie.

(1Jn 2:3-4) ³Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. ⁴He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

If Truth is In us it will show Outwardly.

(1Jn 3:18-19) ¹⁸My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth,

(Mat 5:16, Rom 12:1-2)

Biblical Phrases re: Truth

Know the Truth (Jn 8:32)

Purchase Truth (Pr 23:23)

Gird yourself with Truth (Ps 91:4, Eph 6:14)

Speak Truth in Love (Zech 8:16, Eph 4:15)

Love Truth (Zech 8:19, 2 Thes 2:10)

Obey the Truth (Gal 5:7) common phrase

be Valient for the Truth (Jer 9:3) Courage

Practice the Truth (1 Jn 1:6)

Believe the Truth (2 Thes 2:13)

be Led my Truth (Ps 43:3)

Protects/Preserves (Ps 40:10-11)

Worship in Truth (Jn 4:24) Lifestyle

Do the Truth (Jn 3:21)

Plead for the Truth (Isa 59:4)

do nothing Against the Truth (2 Cor 13:8)

Walk in Truth (3 Jn 1:3-4)

Two Realms:

Light/Dark

(Jn 3:16-21, 36) ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹"And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. ²⁰"For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹"But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God." ... ³⁶"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Belief/Behavior – Behavior we Love determines Realm we **Choose**

my salvation story (1 Jn 2:15-17, Heb 10:26-27) choosing lifestyle

(1Jn 1:5-7) ⁵This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Freedom/Bondage

(Jn 8:31-34) ³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” ³³They answered Him, “We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. (*Romans 6*)

His Word is Truth (Jn 17:17)

(Ps 119:160) ¹⁶⁰The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.

His Word doesn't Constrain, it makes you Free

(Isa 55:8-11) ⁸“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Truth/Deception

(2Ti 2:15, 3:6-7, 4:2-4) ¹⁵Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.... ⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.... ²Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

(Ro 1:18-19, 25) ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.... ²⁵who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

(2Th 2:9-12) ⁹The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹²that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

We must Love Truth

Surpassing Pleasures (Ps 16:11) vs. Immediate Gratification

(Ga 5:7-9) ⁷You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? ⁸This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

even a little Deception is Dangerous

Self Deception – wanting truth more than being right, accepted, comfortable

(3Jn 3-4) ³For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. ⁴I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.