“TRUTH”

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8:31-32 & 36)

Webster (1828) defines “Truth” as follows: “Conformity to fact; Veracity; purity from falsehood; Exactness.” Webster also stated: “To do truth, is to practice what God commands.” In John chapter fourteen, verse six, Jesus Christ is on record as stating that “He is the Truth.” Today, I would like to briefly discuss the single most important subject in the affairs of man — Truth.

Up until about a dozen years or so ago, I never gave much (if any) time to contemplative thought concerning Truth. I took it for granted that those in authority, such as teachers, preachers and authors of books, knew the truth, and as I learned from them, then I also knew the truth. I simply took truth for granted, especially concerning the church, spiritual matters, and my practice of Christianity. I was a perfect host for the spirits of deception that our Lord warned us about in Matthew 24: 4-5, 23-26.

Then, about a dozen years or so ago, Father led me to a book entitled “Who Is Your Covering?” by the Christian historian Frank Viola. As I read this book, I was very careful to measure it by Father’s word. I was shaken, by the verified facts (truth) that I read in brother Frank’s book. Immediately following my completion of “Who Is Your Covering?”, I read the first book that brother Frank wrote in what was a three part series. That book was titled “Rethinking The Wineskin”. Finally, I read his last book, which is a classic for all those who believe that Truth is not only important, but critical to ones good standing before God — “Pagan Christianity”.

After digesting brother Viola’s research into the birth of Christianity and the history of our decline, I realized that I could not depend on the modern-day church or it’s leadership when it came to obtaining spiritual Truth. I had a burning desire to know the Truth and I did not care where Truth took me, as long as He took me there. I felt then and I feel now, that for man to be blessed with the gift of life, and to live and die and never to have known the Truth, as it relates to God and His relationship with man, is perhaps the greatest tragedy to befall mortal man. I chose then and there to take the Lord at His word in John 8:31-32.

"THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS, LIKE SILVER TRIED IN A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES. YOU SHALL KEEP THEM, O LORD, YOU SHALL PRESERVE THEM FROM THIS GENERATION FOREVER." (PSALM 12: 6 & 7)
For all who read this letter, I would encourage you to soberly consider the following questions, as they relate to one’s relationship with God, life, death and eternity: Does “Truth” exist? If you do believe that absolute “Truth” does exist, how important is that “Truth” in man’s relationship with God? Finally, if you believe “Truth” does exist, and that it is critical to one’s relationship with God, where do you go to find “Truth”? How do you acquire the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth?

The answer to the first question is — Yes, Truth does exist! (John 14:6) The answer to the second question is — Truth received and kept by man is essential to man’s fellowship with God. (Luke 11:28 & Psalm 119:1-2) Finally, Truth is found in Christ and no where else! His word, alone, can be trusted; and He alone, has promised to personally tutor each son and daughter that Father has given Him. (Matthew 23:8-10) Father, will not trust His own children with any mortal man. Because He knows that man, at his best, knows only “in part” (1Corinthians 13:9). Therefore, He declares: “Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged.” (Romans 3:4) Oh!, how Many deceived souls have staked their eternal destination on the lies of man! May God have mercy.

Man’s history of rejecting God’s Truth has its beginning in the garden of Eden and continues until this very day. We have a long propensity of failing to take God at His word, as obedient children; instead we “choose” to believe and follow a mortal man or one of his institutions.

The end result being the loss of Father’s blessing and protection; as evidenced by sickness, disease, broken marriages, madness, financial insolvency, disrespectful and disobedient children, all sorts of addictions, and love of and lust for, the pleasures of the world, that grows by the day. Conditions that should be the exception within the ranks of God’s people, are now the norm, and we seem to have little power to change or improve our lot (2 Timothy 3:5) …. all the result of our having turned a deaf ear to the Word of God ….Truth.

Isaiah declared of his generation, concerning their rejection of Truth, the following: “Our transgressions are multiplied before You, And our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them:

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.” (Isaiah 59: 12-15)

Choosing the Truth, and rejecting man, (regardless of how well intentioned he or she may be) will most assuredly invite rejection and persecution from those who set God’s word behind them (Psalm 50:16-17). It could not be otherwise, as our Lord declared in John 15:20-21. I invite you to read these scriptural references for yourself. Never forget that our eternal future depends, not on what I or any other mortal may say, but on what God has said!
Finally, for all who by God’s grace, choose His Truth, there is His promise: “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.” (John 16:13-14)

For all those who choose to ignore, set aside, compromise by adding to or taking from God’s Word —— I warn you, that you are in imminent danger. Please hear the Word of God, as He speaks: “The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the Truth, that they might be saved.

And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the Truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

When all is said and done, and we have spent the time that we were allotted, each of us will cross over into the eternal spiritual realm, from which we came. At that time, we will know with absolute certainty whether or not God’s word was what It claimed for Itself — that It was indeed Truth. We will all be reminded that God said: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — The word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48)

Truth alone, will determine not only our present condition, but more importantly, our eternal future. May God grant each of us the grace to be lovers and seekers of Truth.

“Let my cry come before You, O Lord; Give me understanding according to your word.” (Psalm 119:169)

Your Brother,

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