

The Character, Power, and Demand of Biblical Truth

Introduction

- A. When your child is ill, your business is failing, a trusted friend betrays you, you have a deep-seated difference with your wife, or when you try to look beyond a serious operation – then – you want to know the truth.
- B. Truth, as a correspondence with reality, is a most important possession. Without it we would not have had men on the moon, there would be no penicillin, communication would be impossible, right and wrong would be meaningless, and hope would be an empty desire.
- C. The Christian understands that there is truth. There are answers to the basic questions and problems of life. These answers are found in general and special revelation – God has revealed the truth to us.

I. Truth Finds Its Source in Jesus Christ – and His Work.

Jesus said unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me. John 14:6.

Comment: The Lord Jesus is the fullness of all Truth – as a person. He not only knows all Truth – but He is the truth that is known. We also recognize the many truths of general revelation (science, philosophy, psychology, etc.) are due to His creative work.

When Jesus Christ comes into the life of a believing sinner – He brings every good with Him. His presence with us, and the provision He has made for us in the Bible and the Holy Spirit, makes it possible for us to learn the truth and apply it to life.

II. Truth is Characterized by Permanence.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth (fidelity and faithfulness) endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:5

Comment: The Palmist, in listing the reasons for giving praise to God, speaks of that which endures forever – His truth and faithfulness.

This simple verse presents a very profound proposition – that the one enduring and unchangeable foundation of life is to be found in God's person and revelation of truth.

III. Truth and Grace, in Spiritual Areas, are Inseparable.

And the Word was made 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. John 1:14

Comment: In the area of our greatest need – the spiritual – the truth has been made exceedingly clear. It has been written out in the Bible. God has designed the truth to be the means whereby His grace will flow into our life. When we want to know the truth and choose to practice the truth by faith – there is the grace to do so.

IV. Truth, As the Word of God, is Living and Powerful.

For the word of God is quick (living), and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Comment: An example of the power of God's words is seen in the way He brought the universe into existence – He simply spoke! All finite existence and life owes its origin and preservation to the decree (word) of God.

The Christian is one to whom God has given salvation through His Word. The life-giving power of God's Word is clearly seen as we learn of the tremendous events that came to pass the moment we believed.

1. Our relationship of death with Adam was abolished.
2. Our living relationship with Jesus Christ was established.
3. Our condemnation for sin was absolved, our guilt was forgiven, we were given perfect righteousness, our bondage to Satan was broken, we were separated from the world and made sacred people, we became the temple of the Holy Spirit, and forever released from the sentence of spiritual and physical death. There is no limit to the power of God's Word.

V. Truth Will Make a Person Free.

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. John 8:32

Comment: In these few words by the Lord Jesus we have a summary of all the promises to the believer – freedom. Through a knowledge and practice of the truth we can live in freedom from sin and in fellowship with Jesus Christ.

VI. Truth as Daily Practice is One of the Goals of the Holy Spirit.

For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth. Eph. 5:9

Comment: Success in any area of life is dependent on knowing the truth putting it into practice. The Holy Spirit has not only inspired the Bible – He has come to enable us to know and live according to the truth. When we choose to obey by faith -- then God can work in our life.

Conclusion

- A. Our natural tendency is to reject, distort, and suppress the truth.
- B. We must choose to be honest and submit ourselves to God and His Word.

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