

Does TRUTH Matter?

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In today's society you're watching (witnessing) the Death of TRUTH! The death of TRUTH has led to psychological and physiological confusion causing the cultural breakdown of society. The people are doodling their own ideas of what truth is. When Truth is removed there are no standards to judge by (kill or be killed everything is permissible). Every action by man becomes relative (that is, truth becomes what each person thinks it is). This creates great confusion in every aspect of life; (scientific confusion, entertainment confusion, social confusion, political confusion, gender confusion, spiritual confusion); as people listen to the confused social media (confused people leading a confused audience) society will eventually be destroyed. Everything associated with God must be True!

And he (JESUS) spoke a parable unto them, **Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?** (Luke 6:39)

Pilate is a type of the world today, they cannot understand the TRUTH. There are only two types of people God recognizes (Saved and Un-Saved). Many rich and famous people today have no idea they are lost sinners and going to Hell! And many poor people realize they need Jesus and going to Heaven.

Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. **To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.** Pilate saith unto him, **What is truth?**
(John 18:37,38)

*What is TRUTH? That is the World's Question!
God declares that His WORD is TRUTH, the HOLY SPIRIT declares Himself to be the TRUTH. And JESUS declares HE is the source of both.*

In the Mouth of Two or Three Witnesses Shall Every Word be Established

This is the third time I am coming to you. **In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.** (2 Cor. 13:1)

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: **at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses**, shall the matter be established. (Deut. 19:15)

Who are these Two or Three witnesses? God is the Only One that can Judge Righteously, God is the Only One that has ABSOLUTE TRUTH! There is Only One ABSOLUTE TRUTH but it manifests itself in Three Ways:

- 1. **The WORD** - thy Word is Truth: (John 17:17)*
- 2. **The SPIRIT** - He is called the Spirit of Truth: (John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13)*
- 3. **Jesus Christ** - I am the way, **the truth**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)*

For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And **there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.** If we receive the witness of men, **the witness of God is greater:** for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. (1 John 5:7-9)

What the World Perceives as Truth:

Rationalism - a belief or theory that opinions and actions should be based on reason and knowledge rather than on religious belief or emotional response: Scientific rationalism; a philosophy or theory that reason rather than experience is the foundation of the certainty in knowledge:

Pragmatism - Philosophy or approach that assesses the truth of the meaning of theories or beliefs in terms of the success of their practical application. In other words, truth is what works. if it works it is true.

God's Opinion of Man's truth:

In todays schools of higher learning, the classes are full of intellectual idiots. Examine man's intellectual decisions throughout History. We are so smart we have contaminated the entire planet (water, air, and land). Why, our brightest minds are so smart they have created weapons that can destroy the entire Earth twenty times over.

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, **have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their reasonings, and their senseless hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools,** and they exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible mankind, of birds, four-footed animals, and crawling creatures. **Therefore God gave them up to vile impurity in the lusts of their hearts, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged natural relations for that which is contrary to nature, and likewise the men, too, abandoned natural relations with women and burned in their desire toward one another, males with males committing shameful acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.** And **just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a depraved mind, to do those things that are not proper, people having been filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unfeeling, and unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them.**

(Rom. 1:18-32) NASB

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Th. 2:9-12) ESVB

Notice, because they hated the TRUTH, God Himself will send them strong delusion so they believe a lie and be damned to Hell forever! God has made Himself evident to every person born on Earth so they are without excuse. But they loved sin and darkness more than God and light. This is why the world is like it is, some men have sunk into great darkness and immorality.

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)

Only God Qualifies to be the Perfect Standard for TRUTH

*Biblical definition of TRUTH - it is the **Absolute Standard** by which reality is measured! TRUTH sits outside of creation, and man cannot change what it is. How you feel does not change the TRUTH, your opinions or thoughts don't change the TRUTH. TRUTH is based on God's Standard.*

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

Example; $1+1=2$. this cannot change it is a fixed standard in Math. Like wise the fixed standard for TRUTH is GOD, He cannot change. In todays schools people are being educated with facts but never arriving at the TRUTH!

Demons Have a School of Education

And most of humanity is enrolled in it! In todays world people live out a lie and it is completely natural. They say, "everyone lies so it's the normal thing to do." In many jobs it's the only way to survive (politicians, lawyers, salesmen)!

Evil Can Only Exist When TRUTH is not Known or Denied.

*Satan deceives the people by using partial Truths. **ABSOLUTE TRUTH Must Come From an ABSOLUTE Source (GOD)**. TRUTH must be Perfect, it cannot lie. Everything else is guess work. So, to get rid of TRUTH you must get rid of GOD. Why do you think the Governments around the World are trying to outlaw GOD. How do you think God feels about this?*

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then **shall he speak unto them in his wrath,** and **vex them in his sore displeasure.** (Psa. 2:1-5 and v. 7-12)

*Notice; **Truth is found in His Word,** but, the **Guidance in Truth is manifested through the Holy Spirit.** We are witnessing the Word of God in many Churches being used incorrectly by unscrupulous leaders who only want to benefit themselves. The Bible says; “**they are being deceived while deceiving others.**”*

Let them alone: **they be blind leaders of the blind.** **And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.** (Matt. 15:14)

If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.

(1 Tim. 6:3-7) ESVS

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but **after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;** And **they shall turn away their ears from the truth,** and **shall be turned unto fables.** (2 Tim. 4:3,4)

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof (*the Holy Spirit*): from such turn away. (2 Tim. 3:5)

God's Church is Asleep; (1 Th. 5:6,7)

People are going to Hell every day without Jesus, and the Church is comfortably asleep with the bed sheets rolled over their face. The alarm clock (the end times) seems to be on snooze. Evil is spreading all over the world with little to No opposition. The only hope for a dying world is a Church that's full of God's Word and Spirit. In today's world there is Anarchy, Apostasy, and Apathy in the pulpit and pew. It's only the hand of God that's preventing evil (satan) from taking over the world. All the soul winning your going to do must be done now while on Earth.

There will be No soul winning in Heaven! Jesus is waiting on His Church to get the work done so He can return. Remember, we will all give an account to Him at the Judgment Seat of Christ!

JESUS, GOD'S Incarnate WORD (thank you Tony Evans)
We fellowship with Jesus by reading the Word!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

And he said, **Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.** (Lucas 8:10)

God's Incarnate Word Jesus, is a sharp two edged sword. This sword is there to cut on your behalf or cut those that are against you. But God's Word will not cut when it's been dulled by compromise! By pleasing the world you might get acceptance but you won't get God's two edged sword. The Word of God is not open for negotiation when God has spoken clearly on a subject.

Let's Examine the Church at Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17)

Pergamum was a city controlled by the devil. The resurrected Jesus is now sitting at the Right hand of the Father and speaks to the Church at Pergamum. He speaks with the Authority of a Double Edged Sword! His Sword (His Word) Pierces and penetrates with power to effect. For Good or for Judgment!

And he had in his right hand seven stars: and **out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword:** and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.
(Rev. 1:16)

And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. (Rev. 19:15)

And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. (Rev. 19:21)

So, when Jesus speaks we'd better listen. The Sword speaks with Authority.

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "**All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.**" (Matt. 28:18) NASB

The Church today has lost faith in the power of the Word (The Bible) that comes out of the mouth of Jesus. Having lost confidence in God's Word we are going to every other word (psychology, popular people, religion, etc.). We may sprinkle a little Bible on it to make it sound good, but we are mixing it with the words of men and then wonder why God's Word is not working. The Word we use must be coming out of the mouth of God and not our mouth. What we have today is Church folk dumbing down God's Book by mixing it up with man's self help books coming out of their carnal nature. Man's self help books have dulled the Sword (Word) of God where it no longer has an effect and can't cut anything.

But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.** (Matt. 4:4)

*Jesus says; the Sword from my mouth is sharp, and if your not cut by it, it didn't come from my mouth. If your unaffected (unchanged) you were not cut by the Sword of the Lord. God's Word changes you from the inside out. If your not changing your not being cut by the Sword of the Lord. If God cuts you with His Sword (Word) **you will change!** We are now living in a post Christian era where Identification with Christ is increasingly becoming very dangerous. The world is rejecting the Christian faith. To hold God's Word is called hate speech. The world is antagonistic to the claims of Christ. In most places it's not easy to be identified with Jesus, you will be hated and in some cases killed. In (Rev. 2:14) Jesus tells the Church at Pergamum that He has a few things against them. Some of them held the teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans. Here's the problem Jesus said; while you claim me (my Word), you compromise. You say your Christian but you tolerate false teachings. You compromise my Word like Balaam that rebellious prophet (Num. 22 - 25).*

*Balaam was a prophet who wanted to curse God's people for money. He couldn't curse God's people so he devised an evil plan that worked, where he got worldly women to seduce and marry Israel's men and slip in their foreign gods. Once Israel began to worship foreign gods, God could no longer bless them but had to curse them. You can't compromise God's Word, if you get people to sin and compromise God's Word, God in His anger will curse them. Israel's immorality led to idolatry and brought God's Judgment upon God's people Israel. The Church today is compromising the Word of God and we wonder why it's not working. We compromise spiritual values, we compromise with other gods, we compromise with lifestyle, if we continue to deny God, God can no longer continue to bless us. The Nicolaitans were doing the teachings of Balaam. This Church tolerated false teachings. Jesus told them that they had some in their midst who were teaching this false doctrine and the Church said nothing and permitted it. Even if you're not teaching falsehood but tolerate compromise you are a Nicolaitan. By saying it's okay to compromise with sin, you're infecting the Church of God. You foolishly compromise God's Word by saying sin is okay, God's love understands. If you are guilty of this you totally misunderstand the **Grace of God! God's Grace is not license to sin.***

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

(Rom. 6:1,2)

The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

(Ezek. 18:20)

*You cannot use God's Grace in order to sin against God. Grace is used properly when, **it frees you from sin and not in sin.***

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; **Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.** (Titus 2:11-15)

Refusal to compromise with the world system can cost you money, relationships, position, notoriety, not compromising with the world's system will bring you persecution and afflictions.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. (Psa. 34:19) *Read (Psa. 91)*

God's Church Must Also Have a Sharp Double Edged Sword

*Moral Lectures and motivation talks are no substitute for GOD'S WORD!
Why should we proclaim the wisdom of men (which will fail) when we have the privilege of teaching the WORD of GOD under the supervision of the HOLY SPIRIT?*

And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:** (Eph. 6:17)

For the word of God is quick, 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.

(Heb. 4:12)

But if we want to see the double edged sword in Church, and not just a dull useless service, then we must not compromise the Word of God. We don't simply want to clap our hands and sing fun songs, we want the Sword that is not dulled by compromise. False teaching that contradicts the Word of God is not to be accepted. God does not want a mixture of His Word and the world's word (psychology etc...). You can put 10% poison in good food and kill rats. It can also kill human rats. More and more Churches today are compromising the Word to please their congregations, trying to make it easier to swallow with watered down versions. God's Word has spoken and He has the Power to back it up.

Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. ((Rev. 2:16)

Some folk love Jesus and His Word on Sunday, but love the world Monday-Friday.