

What is Truth? Part 1

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

³⁸ “What is truth?” retorted Pilate.

How does Jesus answer? He is silent. He gives the answer in John 14.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, “**I am the way** and **the** truth and **the** life. No one comes to **the** Father except through me.

All truth, small t, emanates from Him the Truth capital T.

As creator of all, all truth within creation comes from Him.

All scientific truth, all religious truth and all moral truth come from Him.

Ultimate Truth is a person, Jesus Christ. We can only know Truth by a personal relationship to the Truth.

The knowledge of the truth begins at the new birth. Truth comes into to us like a seed at salvation.

1 Peter 1:23

Being **born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

It begins in our spirit and is to sprout and bloom to effect us spirit, soul and body. The Truth is Jesus Christ in us.

Truth lives in our inner most being, our heart, the meeting place of spirit and mind.

The knowledge of the truth does not come by the intellect through reading, doctrine, preaching or memorization but by the revelation of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus called the Spirit of truth. He is our guide into all truth.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

The purpose of the intellect is to express verbally what the Spirit of truth has done in us at the deepest level of our hearts. Lets see what Oswald Chambers has to say about this.

There are endless powers of reception in the deeper realms of personality where we cannot go, and it is these realms that God guards and garrisons. Personality is built to receive, it simply absorbs and absorbs; and education gives us the facility of expressing what we have received. We are designed with a great capacity for God, and the nature of personality is that it always wants more and more. Education is the drawing out of what is in for the purpose of expression, and we have to fit ourselves by acquired habits of conduct to express what we have received.

The more educated and exercised are our minds the greater the ability to express truth we have come to know. I believe every true disciple of Jesus Christ will develop an advance spiritual IQ. The original disciples were uneducated men yet they confounded the Jewish religious leaders with their ability to express truth eloquently.

Our natural minds are to be transformed into spiritual minds and actually become the mind of Christ. Having His attitudes and to think His thoughts after Him.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Phil 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

What God has worked into us we must work out through our minds and body. It is our responsibility to live out by faith and obedience what God has done in us. Of course we do this with the help of the Holy Spirit by grace.

Phil 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

It is not enough to receive salvation. We must open and explore this marvelous gift that has been delivered to us.

We are to explore its depths to discover the great treasure that God has entrusted to us. To not do this is to never come to know God's true purpose for our lives. It is a great travesty and waste. The book of Hebrews warns us about this. It is equals to not entering the promised land of rest.

In the next lesson I will give two illustrations of the meaning of spiritual food.