

The Truth That Sets Free

“To them who had believed Him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31- 32)

Till now they don't know how Miss Diana died at the night of her death. They don't know exactly how the car accident happened. No one knows the truth whether it is an accident or was a planned plot against her.

Have you heard the statement: *“There is no truth, because half of the truth is lie.”* This demonstrates that it is very hard to get the truth or almost impossible. Many political issues and decisions that cause lot of changes and disturbances have been taking place all over the world, but no one knows the real truth behind. No one knows what is really happening and no one knows the truth why such things and circumstances are happening.

Searching for the truth is the ultimate goal of almost every individual. There are many philosophers who had spent their time bringing up a formula how to live according to the truth. They had dedicated themselves to describe truth but they only end up with theories and books that never say the truth. Many ideologies had come out and even carried out for a period of time but nothing is said to remain unchanged. Truth is something stable that lasts not only for a long time but remain unchanged. Truth is something stable that lasts not only for a long time but remains forever. A work or a relationship that is not based on a good foundation does not last long. Anything that is founded on the truth would expand and prosper because it is built on a strong foundation that is able to carry the heaviest load.

God created the heaven and the earth by His Word. The Word of God has the power and it is the only truth that remains forever. *“Heaven and earth shall pass away but the Word of God remains.”* God has laid the foundation of the whole world as we can read in the book of Genesis. He created everything just by Words that came out from His mouth. The world that we live now was just created by God, but corrupted and disturbed by the work of the devil based on lies. The Bible speaks about the devil and describes him as the following: *“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44b)* Many types of knowledge and wisdom of this world are based on the lies of Satan. Satan and his angels, the demons, steal the truth and pervert and exchange it into lies and present it as a fact or truth. This is the reason why many people who believe and rely on the knowledge of this world find themselves into the pit of troubles or despair because their lives stand on the lies of Satan. Sooner or later what they built would fall down and perish because they focus their eyes on the temporary and perishable things.

Hence, if we want to live a life everlasting and a life to the full we must know the truth and live only by the truth. Jesus said, *“If you hold to my teaching you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”*

1. ***The Word of God is the truth:*** We need to read what is written in the Bible. It is the Word of God; it is the truth that we should hold on and live by. The word of God is the truth that we should hold on and live by. The word of God is the truth that sanctifies, cleanses and releases us from any link of lies and counterfeits. The Bible is written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and it us useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. ***(2 Timothy 3:16)*** When Jesus prayed for His disciples He said, *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.” (John 17:17)*
2. ***Jesus is the Living Word of Truth:*** The Bible is the written Word of God and Jesus is the Living Word. *“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” (John 1:14a)* Jesus taught the people who followed Him with power and authority. Many times He said, *“I tell you the truth”*, then He continued teaching precious and heavenly wisdom. Before we receive Jesus, our lives are built upon the lies of Satan, wrong teachings and principles. This is why Jesus came – to destroy Satan's work that is based on lies, that is manifested in witchcraft, corruption, false religions, hollow and deceptive philosophy, traditions, cultures, and people customs. Jesus had destroyed Satan's work by telling and revealing the truth, and finally when He resurrected from the grave He defeated Satan and death.
3. ***Jesus is the Truth:*** Jesus is the truth and the only way to God the Father he is the only way to enter heaven. When His disciple asked how they would now the way to the Father, *“Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)* There are many lies in the world: religions, lots of false beliefs and false teachings, and we find billions of people who follow man's ideologies, wrong practices, and worship false gods that cannot lead them to God the Father. In Jesus there is true life: First, we have eternal life that no other can give to us but Jesus alone. Second, we have life to the full or abundantly – only in Jesus that we find a real joyful and meaningful life. We would have contentment in life if we surrender every part of our life to Jesus. If we are under His love, His care and leadership we walk in the safest way and we heed to the best life that He promised us.

My Dear and Beloved: What we need to do is to hold on the teachings of Jesus and willingly obey His commands and follow His examples. There is no other way to be freed from lies, human knowledge, philosophy, cultures, traditions and deceptions of this world but to accept the only truth, ***Jesus and His Word.*** Through believing and obeying Jesus we become children of God. We call God, ***‘Father’***, and we receive God's Spirit that leads us into the way of truth and life and away from Satan's schemes.

My Prayer: *“Heavenly Father, I come before You in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and raised from death to give me eternal life. Lord, thank You for your word to me. Lord, teach me your ways and guide me by the truth for your Word. Cleanse me from the lies of Satan and free me from all your evil ways. Thank You, Lord. This is my prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.*