

BANNER; THE SURE WORD

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WHAT IS TRUTH?

When Jesus was on trial his inquisitor Pilate asked the question “what is truth”? (John 18:38). How would you answer this question? Some would say that truth is relative rather than absolute. In other words, they would argue that truth changes with the circumstances. Others would tell us that truth depends upon what one thinks is truth. In that case, what may be truth to one person may not be truth to another. Truth then becomes subjective as each one decides what is truth to him or her. These views place truth in the realm of uncertainty for how could one be absolutely certain that what he believes is truth actually is truth?

We affirm without apology that the Word of God revealed in the Bible is truth. When Jesus prayed for His disciples He stated, “Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth” (John 17:17). Jesus affirmed that God’s truth can be known and that knowledge of truth can make one free from the bondage of sin (John 8:32). Spiritual liberty requires the ability to know with certainty the truth.

God’s truth does not depend upon what man thinks. God’s truth exists outside and separate from the subjective thinking of men. It is the body of truth revealed in scripture by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It is that body of truth to which every human being is subject and thus accountable whether he or she knows and accepts it or not. God’s truth does not change based upon the ever-changing circumstances of life. God’s truth needs no updating or revision to make it more relevant to each generation. “Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven” (Psalm 119:89). The constant relevancy of God’s truth is seen in the fact that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23) and only God’s truth will set us free from our sins (John 8:32).

Think about this. If one claims the inability to know absolute truth or that absolute truth does not exist, then he places himself in a very illogical and contradictory position. How can one who claims that absolute truth is unknowable ever be certain of his position? How can he absolutely know that absolute truth cannot be known?

It is sad that so many reject the truth of God that is able to save their souls (James 1:21). God’s truth reveals His plan for man’s salvation from sin through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. To reach His precious blood requires you and I to respond in obedience to His command to hear that truth (Romans 10:17), believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24; Mark 16:15-16, repent of sins (Acts 17:30 and be immersed in water, into the death of Jesus, to receive the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4). We plead with you dear friend obey God’s truth today!