

# Truth

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Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Introduction:

The greatest theme with which the mind and heart of the child of God can be occupied is the theme of the “glory of God.”

The truth is; being the person that we have been designed to be is not always easy. We know that we were designed to bring glory to the Lord, however, there are times that it's a struggle. Paul likened it to a battle.

The battle is a battle against the evilness of Satan.

The great news is that the Lord has provided everything that we need in order to be able to continue to bring glory to Him.

Read Text

As we observe this list of things that God has provided for our protection and a means so that we may continue

to bring honor to Him, the first item listed is truth. Truth is essential. Without it all is in vain.

What is truth?

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I have often said, “A lie taught long enough may become a fact, but it will never become the truth.

Truth is defined as that which is true. True is defined as:

Genuine; pure; real; not counterfeit, adulterated or false; Free from falsehood; Honest; Strait; Right.

Notice

## **1. TRUTH REVEALED (JOHN 14:6)**

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

### **A. The Lord Jesus Christ is Truth**

John 1:17

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

### **B. The Word of God is Truth**

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. [2] The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:14

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.

## **2. TRUTH RECEIVED (1 THESS 2:13)**

1 Thes. 2:13

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

### **A. Child like faith**

Matthew 18:3

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.

### **B. Repent**

Matthew 3:2

And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

### **C. Receive**

Romans 10:3-9

For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted

themselves unto the righteousness of God. [4] For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. [5] For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them. [6] But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) [7] Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) [8] But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; [9] That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

### **3. TRUTH REJECTED (2 TIM 4:4; 2 THESS 2:10-12)**

2 Tim. 4:4

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Thes. 2:10-12

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: [12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

## 4. TRUTH'S REWARD

### A. Reward for Recieving

John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

1. Everlasting life
2. A Home in Heaven
3. The Presence of the Lord
4. No More Sickness and No More Death
5. No More Sorrow and No More Crying
6. The Beauty of Heaven

### B. Reward for Rejecting (Read Luke 16)

Rev. 19:20

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev. 20:1-15

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, [3] And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he

should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. [4] And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. [5] But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. [7] And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, [8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. [9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10] And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

[11] And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. [12] And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. [13] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. [14] And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. [15] And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.