

THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTH

FIRST: Every man has received much God-given truth, but without exception, every man has chosen to believe lies and walk in darkness.

[Rom.1:18-24; Rom.3:18-24] *“God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness. ¹⁹ They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. ²⁰ And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. ²⁴ So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired.”*

*“As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one.
No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God.
All have turned away; all have become useless.
No one does good, not a single one.”*

It is shocking and distressing to discover that God has granted to each of us great supply of truth and yet without exception we have rejected truth to believe and walk in error. In doing so, we have all walked as fools in many ways of life.

SECONDLY: Satanic forces continually press us toward deceptions concerning everything about life and that pressure works against every living person.

Eph. 2:1-3: *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. EPH.6:11-12: *“...be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”**

Both before and after salvation a spiritual forces are actively undermining the truth which we have otherwise known or those truths which the Spirit of God is continually revealing to us through His Spirit. Every man's struggle is always centered on truth versus deception. The war is between what God has said and is saying and what the devil has said and is saying. One speaks the words of life; the other speaks words of death and the battle is ongoing for every man. The tragic reality is that people tend toward naturally embracing error rather than truth and the spirits of darkness continuously press every person in that direction.

THIRDLY: The Spirit of Truth will conquer the deceptions of darkness in and through those who love the truth and who will therefore seek, embrace, and follow HIM. [Jn. 16:3] *But when He the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.*

Jesus came to earth to make a way for mankind to receive the Holy Spirit through Whom God would once again release His truth into those who would love and receive Him. The battle for the souls of men is fought and won or lost in how man responds to that TRUTH.

Romans chapter one shows us that mankind universally has rejected even the very truth which God initially gives him. Then in numerous places the Scriptures declare that the spirits of darkness continually work to deceive and destroy the human race. Jesus died so that people could be cleansed from the works of darkness and receive the Spirit of God – the Spirit of Truth.

Without His presence, people naturally choose and continue to choose deception both because of his fallen nature and because of the unrelenting pressing of satanic powers. Only the presence and the influence of the Spirit of Truth moves mankind *“out of darkness into His marvelous light.”* [1Pet.2:8-9] As Jesus stated, *“... judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed..* [Jn.3:19] That conflict between truth and deception continued even with the arrival of Jesus who was despised, rejected, and murdered simply because HE WAS THE TRUTH wrapped up in a small package of skin and bones. Now, two thousand years later, in the glorious ongoing presence and work of the Spirit of Truth the battle of truth vs. error – light vs. darkness – continues. Tragically few people even see that the very real issues which every person faces everywhere are centered in this conflict of God's truth versus Satan's lies. Scriptures counsel us to *“bring every thought captive to obedience to Christ”* and to *“... work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”* [Phil.2:12-13] Even under the Old Covenant we are urged, *“Buy truth, and*

do not sell it...” [Pv. 23:23] But we often ‘*sell truth*’ for some momentary fleshly appetite of convenience, applause, or power. That war is ongoing and never-ending, but we often ignore it and its consequences.

Few understand that every man’s temporal and eternal destiny hinges on what he does with the **truth which God has granted him**.

FOURTHLY: Either deception or truth is growing within every person. Error builds on error; truth is built upon truth. The kingdom of darkness is built upon the deceptions of the devil. The kingdom of light, the Kingdom of God, is built on truth as revealed by the ‘Spirit of Truth’. God allows every man to choose which kingdom is being built within him. Everyone is daily making the choices in thousands of ways between light and darkness, life and death. Even under the Old Covenant, as God revealed truth to His people said, *“I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life....”* [Deut.31:33] But as God knew, no one was able to live in harmony with God’s revealed truth, so God sent His son to redeem people out of the power of the liar and place them in the Kingdom of His dear Son. God’s plan was that the Spirit of Truth would both reveal truth AND by His presence impart those truths into the hearts of those who love the truth. In introducing the new Covenant God said, *“I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.”* [Ez.36:26-28] *“I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.”* [Jer.31:33] But often even Christians resist both the truth and the Spirit of Truth. This is a shocking and distressing reality and in these last days God says that there are very serious consequences because the ‘man of sin’ *“will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them. So God will cause them to be greatly deceived, and they will believe these lies. Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.”* [2 Thess.2:10-12]

Generally we all have often thought that it would be easier to reject truth rather than embrace and implement it. But in rejecting the Spirit of Truth people are committing the ‘unforgivable sin’ for then there simply is no hope left for salvation. Those who *“refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them.... ... will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth.”* In REJECTING truth they are actually REJECTING the God of Love and Truth. They make God Who is TRUTH into their enemy. As a result they move into ever-increasing darkness and ultimately death.

The above paragraphs on truth and error truly leave you with a choice which is to believe and act on the truth which God grants to you or to believe the more pleasing lies which your enemy supplies. To know truth and act accordingly is proof that you believe in God. If you choose to believe the lies which are so prevalent in our society you discard the truth, your destiny, and God Himself for HE IS TRUTH.

When faced with such choices, we often postpone the choice – which itself is a choice. It is a choice to act as if the lies we like are true until another day.... or year. During the time of delay, a kingdom IS BEING BUILT. It is the kingdom of darkness and at best our destiny is delayed, diminished, or being destroyed.

In such a time the King is heard to say to His people, the church..... *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.”* [Rev.3:20-21] Overcomers are those who love the truth and order their lives accordingly. They Hear His voice, discard the lies, open the door and fellowship with Him. *“They are those who “Deny themselves, take up their crosses daily, to follow JESUS.”* [Lk.9:23] They HEAR His voice, they HEED His words, they FOLLOW Him.

This is **a Throne Room Destiny**.

It all hangs on what you do with ‘TRUTH’.

