

Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ

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Drowning in “Truths”

The Apostle Paul spoke of a time when people would be “...ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” || Timothy 3:7. How is such a thing possible? Is the truth something so “deep” that only those with a superior intellect can understand it? Or perhaps the truth can only be comprehended by one who has received revelation through an “out of the body” experience. Is it possible that God doesn’t want some people to be saved? Of course these suggestions are absurd. Paul explains why some are “never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” It is because they “...resist the truth!” || Timothy 3:8.

If we believe Jesus, then we know there is one absolute way to identify this thing He called “*the truth*.” He said those who know it would be made “*free indeed*” from sin. John 8:31-36. Many things are true, but only one thing is “*the truth*.” The mathematical equation ($2 + 2 = 4$) is true, but it has never delivered anyone from the bondage of sin. The same can be said for science, history, economics, or philosophy. These such things are filled with “truths,” but they cannot save a single soul.

Jesus spoke to the most religious among the Jews when He said, “*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.*” John 5:39-40. These

believed they had salvation through their knowledge of the scriptures. They filled their minds with “truths” from the word of God, but were completely blinded to “*the truth*.”

These Jews knew the “Torah,” or “Old Testament” forward and backward. They studied the Psalms, Proverbs, Prophets, and the Mosaic Law. Yet with all the “truths” they found in the scriptures, they were unable to see or accept the fulfillment of the most important promises God had ever given. Because of their blindness they rejected and crucified Jesus Christ, who was their Messiah, the Son of Almighty God. Paul spoke of such, saying, “*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.*” Romans 1:22. They resisted “*the truth*,” so they perished in an ocean of “truths.”

Not much has changed in the past two-thousand years. The church of today is flooded with “truths.” Every Sunday, in fact every day, we are fed more and more religious insight and principles. But here is the question: Has the endless acquisition of “truths” done for you what Jesus said “the truth” would do? Or has it always left you just a little short of being free from the power and presence of sin in your heart and nature?

“*The truth*” is actually very simple. It is the truth about Jesus Christ. To “*know the truth*” is as simple as understanding these four things about Christ as revealed in the scriptures.

1. Know who Christ is: Christ was in the beginning with God and was God. John 1:1. All things were made by Christ. John 1:2. Christ “*is before all things, and by him all things consist.*” Colossians 1:17.

2. Know what God promised Christ would accomplish when he appeared: Christ would bruise the head of (destroy) the Serpent. Genesis 3:15. Christ would come to “...*make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness...*” Daniel 9:24. Christ would “*justify many*” people through the knowledge of the truth. Isaiah 53:11.

3. Know these things were all accomplished through Christ’s death on the cross: Christ destroyed the Devil and his works. Hebrews 2:14 | John 3:8. Christ took away our sin. John 1:29 | John 3:5-6 Hebrews 9:26. Christ destroyed our sin and made us “*free from sin.*” Romans 6:6-7. Christ “*washed us from our sins.*” Revelation 1:5. Christ finished on the cross everything God said he would accomplish. John 19:30.

4. Know that JESUS IS THE CHRIST! Matthew 16:16, | John 5:1. This is “*the truth*” which Jesus said, “*shall make you free!*”