

## WHY WE NEED THE TRUTH IN OUR LIFE

John 18:38

## INTRODUCTION

- A. What is truth?
  - 1. The opposite of falsehood – PR 12:17, 19; EP 4:25.
  - 2. Fidelity – JE 7:28; IS 59:12-13.
  - 3. Doctrine of Christ – GA 2:5, 14.
- B. What is truth? JN 18:38
  - 1. Some never come to the knowledge of truth – 2 TI 3:7.
  - 2. Some will turn away from the truth – 2 TI 4:4.
- C. The truth of the Gospel is in Jesus. JN 14:6; EP 4:21.
- D. Why we need THE TRUTH in our life.

## DISCUSSION

- I. BECAUSE WE NEED JESUS IN OUR LIFE.
  - A. Truth reveals Jesus and makes Him available to us.
    - 1. JN 6:68.
    - 2. Acts 5:20.
    - 3. Fellowship by following His Word – JN 14:21-23; 2 JN 9.
  - B. Who do you go to for help?
    - 1. Worldly friends? 1 CO 15:33-34.
    - 2. World's wisdom? 1 CO 1:21.
    - 3. Self-help? JE 10:23.
    - 4. Theologians? MT 15:7-9.
    - 5. Gospel? JN 6:68; 2 TI 2:24-26.
- II. BECAUSE WE NEED TO BE SAVED FROM OUR SINS.
  - A. 1 TI 2:3-4; JA 1:21.
  - B. Truth reveals salvation to inners – TS 2:11-12; EP 1:13.
    - 1. Freedom from sin – JN 8:32.
    - 2. Basis for faith – JN 19:35; 20:31.
    - 3. Hear & know God's grace – CO 1:6.
    - 4. Purifies your soul – 1 PE 1:22.
  - C. Jesus is the only way to the Father – JN 14:6.
    - 1. Because truth is in Jesus – EP 4:21; JN 1:17.
    - 2. Revealed by apostles – RO 9:1.
- III. BECAUSE WE CAN ONLY SERVE GOD IN TRUTH.
  - A. 2 JN 4; 3 JN 3-4; 1 JN 1:5-9
  - B. Truth sanctifies us unto God – 1 TH 4:2-3.
    - 1. Apostles – JN 17:17-19.
    - 2. Church – EP 5:25-27; 1 PE 2:9.
    - 3. Set apart for service – 1 CO 1:2.
  - C. What are you doing to be sure you are set apart to serve God?
    - 1. Learning and living the truth?
    - 2. Attentive during class and sermon?
    - 3. Taking time to be holy with Bible reading?
  - D. Must worship God in truth – JN 4:23-24; EP 5:17-20.
    - 1. What defines and arranges worship for you:
      - a. The word of truth?
      - b. Feelings?

- c. Traditions?
- E. In order to grow to maturity – EP 4:14-16; HE 5:11-6:3; 2 PE 1:3-8.
  - 1. Christ is truly food and drink – JN 6:55.
  - 2. Is truth your “favorite food?”
- F. To be protected from sin – EP 6:13-17.
  - 1. The battle rages; be strong in the Lord – EP 6:10-12.
  - 2. Can you identify the victories in truth in your life?

#### CONCLUSION

- A. Truth is the essence of God – DT 32:4. Do not “exchange the truth of God for the lie” of false gods and false teachings – RO 1:25.
- B. Christians must always be people of truth – 2 JN 1-2.
  - 1. Love the truth – 2 TH 2:10.
  - 2. Obey the truth – 1 PE 1:22.
  - 3. Live the truth – 1 JN 2:3-6.
  - 4. Be saved through a knowledge of the truth – 1 TI 2:3-4.
- C. Obey the truth – WHY? JN 12:48 – only “the truth” will judge you on Judgment Day!