



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

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## **Heart to Heart...**

I teach a lot about the truth, seeking the truth, loving the truth, following the truth and listening to the truth. There aren't many truths out there. There is only one truth. While many teach and say things that might be correct, once it is intertwined with other things the truth is lost. We must concern ourselves with the truth. Not a truth but the truth.

As Jesus stood before Pilate, before being sentenced, Jesus explained His purpose and direction: ***“For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”*** (John 18:37)

Solomon wrote in Proverbs: ***“There is a way which seem right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”*** (Proverbs 14:12) People can believe they are right when in reality they are wrong. They like a saying and it appeals to them, so it becomes part of their belief. People can read Scripture and they make the Scripture be whatever it is they are going through with little thought to the truth. There is a way that seems right but ends in death. It would do us well to be honest with the truth, seek the truth, and listen carefully to what is being spoken. The truth cannot be established upon what *seems right!* Jesus came to testify to the truth which tells us it is available only one way.

People believe they find God in creation or feel closer to God in nature. While nature declares there is a God and shows His power, nature cannot tell us the truth about salvation or direct our lives into the truth. The truth is no one is closer to God in creation/nature. The only way one can draw near to God is through Jesus Christ. People say they don't have to “go to church” to worship God. They reveal they have no understanding of the truth as to who the church is in relation to Jesus. It's His body! He is the head, so to believe you don't have to be part of the body of Jesus and take direction from Him being the head is to believe in a lie. It might seem right to some to justify their lack of desire to be part of Christ's body but the end is death.

To find the truth you must love it!! People will perish without the truth because they don't love the truth. Why do you think we see all this religious division? Because everyone is seeking the truth? If we don't love the truth in our seeking we will perish. ***“And with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be***

*saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.*” (II Thessalonians 2:10-12) This is a profound statement in learning how God deals with people who do not love the truth. Yes, God will send a delusion because you seek your own way. You become convinced you are right when in actuality you have received a deluding influence and believe in a lie because the love of the truth was not your goal. Truth changes you. Jesus came to testify to the truth. We must love the truth.

We also must live the truth. Truth was made for living. Jesus said it this way: *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.”* (Matthew 7:21) The truth is doing the will of the Father. We must concern ourselves with His will and not follow our personal ideas and beliefs. There are many who in the end will be shocked because they claim their love for the Lord but the truth and His will living the truth were not a big part of their life. They just moved from here to there in the nice, fluffy influences of religion and thoughts of man on living.

How much do you desire the truth? Where do you get your input? When confronted with the truth about something you believe that is wrong, how do you react? Think about it!!!

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