



"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...

There are many people who believe that sincerity in what they believe makes things right between them and the Lord. People can be sincerely passionate about something but does that make it true? Sincerity never makes something true that we practice. If one would look at Saul of Tarsus from Scripture, we see a man that was sincere and zealous in what he believed about God but he also was lost and had to be brought to knowledge of the truth.

Truth is truth! One cannot change something that is wrong into something that is right just because they are sincere in their belief. Today we live in such a society that thrives on political correctness that the truth about God as revealed from His Scripture is ignored even though many read His Scripture.

Let's take math as an example. We know there are mathematical laws in place. Two plus two equals four. That is the truth all around the world, in every society. That is the truth from history. If someone comes along and says they sincerely feel that two plus two equals five, and believe it to be so with a sincere heart, it is still wrong. Try finding a teaching job believing in false mathematical equations.

Truth is not something that I want it to be. The truth is what the Lord speaks and teaches in what we call His word. Too many today are living in sincerity of their faith but when you show them from God's Holy Scripture about the truth of what they believe, it upsets them or they simply ignore it. If we are truly sincere about the truth, would we become upset when we are shown something from Scripture that goes against what we believe? Sincerity alone will not get you to God! Sincerity in God's word, seeking His truth will! Jesus spoke: ***"If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."*** (John 8:31-32) Sincerity must continue in the word. Our belief system must be put up beside the word of the Lord to see if the things we call the truth stand against His revealed word. The relationship between God's word and the truth of His word is what makes one a disciple, not someone who simply claims sincerity in what they believe. Our faith must be put to the test! When we find something in God's word that disagrees with what we believe, we stand at a cross road to determine if we will continue in His word or reject His word for our personal belief.

The bottom line is we must love the truth above all else! You cannot sincerely believe in something that goes against the truth about God and end up saved. To love the truth is to seek the truth and make adjustments where the Lord calls us to adjust. To love the truth means you abide in God's word, heed His word and seek His word. Many times someone tells me something they believe with all their heart. I always ask a question: "Where did you find that in Scripture?" That is not meaning they didn't get it from Scripture. What I am seeking to know is how they came to their conviction of faith. Loving the truth is vital because without that love with an honest and sincere heart seeking the truth, you may fall prey to what God speaks: ***"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 2:11-12) How would you like to get to the end of your life and find out you believed a lie the whole time because a love for the truth was not top priority in your life? Think about it!!!

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