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A Study guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

Throughout history, the world has been full of lies and deceit. They have permeated nations, cities, homes, and even the church. This all comes from the Devil who is the father of lies. (John 8:44)

With the advent of technology, such as the radio, movies, TV, computers, satellites, etc., the lies and deceit of the Devil have spread greatly throughout the world. This is because the devil controls the power of the air. (Eph. 2:2)

It is easy to understand how that the soon coming of the 'greatest lie' will be transmitted around the world, and will be accepted by the majority of the people.

It says in 2 Thessalonians:

II Th 2:9-12

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And **with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

11 **And for this cause God shall send them 'strong delusion', that they should believe a lie:**

12 **That they all might be damned who believed not the truth,** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

In the end however, the 'Real' Truth will be seen by everyone throughout the world.

II Th 2:8

8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy **with the brightness of his coming:**

Acts 1:11

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

Then shall this 'Statement' of Truth be fulfilled!

Isa 45:18-24

18 **For thus saith the LORD** that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: **I am the LORD; and there is none else.**

19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: **I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.**

20 **Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations:** they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and **there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me.**

22 **Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.**

23 **I have sworn by myself,** the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

24 Surely, shall one say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; **and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.**

Rom 14:11 Phil. 2:10

11 For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

Today there are so many ‘winds of doctrine’, that it is difficult to know what is the Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. (Eph. 4:14)

This is because you cannot know the Truth without Jesus!

When Pilate spoke to Jesus before his crucifixion, he asked Jesus, “What is Truth?” He did not understand what Truth is, because he was not ‘of’ the Truth. Jesus told Pilate that He (Jesus) is the embodiment of the Truth.

John 18:33-38

33 Then **Pilate** entered into the judgment hall again, and **called Jesus**, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?

34 **Jesus answered** him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me?

35 **Pilate answered**, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done?

36 **Jesus answered**, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 **Pilate** therefore **said** unto him, Art thou a king then? **Jesus answered**, Thou sayest that I am a king. **To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

38 **Pilate saith unto him, “What is truth?”** And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.

We know that in these last days God is calling all of the “True Believers” to Worship Him in ‘Spirit and in Truth’. How can we do that if we do not understand “What is Truth?”.

John 4:23-24

23 **But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth:** for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.**

Since God is a Spirit, the only way we can understand “What is Truth?”, is through the Holy Spirit. That is because The Holy Spirit ‘Is’ the Spirit of Truth. (John 15 :26)

When we are Saved, the Holy Spirit comes into us, therefore, Christians ‘know’ the Truth! (John 14 :17 1 John 2:20)

It says in 1 Corinthians:

1 Cor 2:10-14

10 **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.**

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so **the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.**

12 **Now we have received,** not the spirit of the world, but **the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.**

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which **the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, **because they are spiritually discerned.**

If you do ‘not’ know the Truth, or do not hear God’s voice, then you need to examine yourselves. (2 Corn. 13:5) Perhaps you are caught up in the things of this world. Many in the Church today are being misled by Church Leaders to seek the things of the world. These ‘so-called’ Church Leaders are “False Prophets” and are being led by a demonic spirit, the “spirit of Error”. (1 John 4:1, 5, 6)

Of course new believers must learn to understand the Bible which is the ‘Word of Truth’. It is important for new believers to attend Church and Bible Studies regularly, and read the Bible daily. (2 Tim. 2:15 3:14-17)

The question “What is Truth?”, is being asked in the hearts and minds of all of the people of the earth today.

The answer to this question is the purpose of this “Study Guide”, and it is written to help the Christian to know without a doubt, “What Truth is”! The answer is only in Jesus Christ and understood through the Holy Spirit! Amen!

I. AN EXPLANATION OF TRUTH:

In order to explain "What Truth is", we have used an 'older' Dictionary and a 'newer' one to show a comparison on what is being taught today.

The 'older' Webster Dictionary (1965) states:

TRUTH:

Agreement with reality; the eternal principle of right or the natural law of order; fidelity, constancy; agreement with a standard or rule; accuracy.

The 'newer' Webster College Dictionary (1997) states:

TRUTH:

1. The true or actual state of a matter: to tell the truth.
2. Conformity with fact or reality; verity: to check the truth of a statement.
3. A verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like: mathematical truths.
4. The state or character of being true.
5. Actuality or actual existence.
6. An obvious or accepted fact; truism; platitude.
7. Honesty; integrity; truthfulness.
8. Ideal or fundamental reality apart from and transcending perceived experience.
9. Agreement with a standard or original.
10. Accuracy, as of position or adjustment.
11. Archaic. Fidelity or constancy.
12. In Truth, in reality; in fact; actually.

IN HEBREW:

In Strong's Concordance and Vine's Expository Dictionary, the Hebrew for Truth is Emeth or Emet.

Strong's Concordance:

571 'emeth (eh'-meth);

contracted from 539; stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness: KJV-- assured (-ly), establishment, faithful, right, sure, true (-ly, -th), verity.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words:

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'**emet** ^571^, "truth; right; faithful." This word appears 127 times in the Bible. The Septuagint translates it in 100 occurrences as "truth" (aletheia) or some form using this basic root. In <Zech. 8:3>, Jerusalem is called "a city of truth."

IN THE GREEK:

In Strong's Concordance and Vine's Expository Dictionary, the Greek for Truth is **Aletheia**

Strong's Concordance:

225 aletheia (al-ay'-thi-a);
 from 227; truth:
 KJV-- true, truly, truth, verity.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words:

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TRUE, TRULY, TRUTH

C. Noun.

aletheia ^225^, "truth," is used (a) objectively, signifying "the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter" (Cremer), e. g., especially of Christian doctrine, where "the truth of the Gospel" denotes the "true" teaching of the Gospel, in contrast to perversions of it; where "the truth of God" may be "the truth concerning God" or "God whose existence is a verity"; "the truth of God" is indicative of His faithfulness in the fulfillment of His promises as exhibited in Christ; the word has an absolute force where the RV, "even as truth is in Jesus," gives the correct rendering, the meaning is not merely ethical "truth," but "truth" in all its fullness and scope, as embodied in Him; He was the perfect expression of the truth; (b) subjectively, "truthfulness," "truth," not merely verbal, but sincerity and integrity of character.

II. THE BIBLE DECLARES ABOUT GOD AND TRUTH:

THAT GOD IS TRUTH:

Our God (the Godhead) is a God of Truth.

Deut 32:4

4 **He is** the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: **a God of truth** and without iniquity, just and right is he.

Ps 31:5

5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, **O LORD God of truth.**

Ps 33:4

4 For the word of the LORD is right; and **all his works are done in truth.**

Isa 65:16

16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in **the God of truth**; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by **the God of truth**; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

Jer 4:2

2 And thou shalt swear, **The LORD liveth, in truth**, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

Dan 4:37

37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and **honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth**, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

THAT TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST:

The Truth of God came by Jesus Christ, as He is God the Son!

John 1:17

17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **truth came by Jesus Christ.**

I Jn 5:20

20 **And we know that the Son of God is come,** and hath given us an understanding, **that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**

THAT JESUS IS THE TRUTH:

Jesus said that 'He' IS the Truth!

John 1:14

14 **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.**

John 14:6

6 **Jesus saith** unto him, **I am** the way, **the truth,** and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Eph 4:21

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as **the truth is in Jesus:**

THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ALSO TRUTH:

The Holy Spirit being God is also Truth. He is the 'Spirit of Truth'! You cannot know the whole Truth without having Him in you!

John 14:16-17

16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

17 **Even the Spirit of truth;** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but **ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

John 15:26

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even **the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**

John 16:13

13 Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth,** is come, **he will guide you into all truth:** for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1 Pet 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls **in obeying the truth through the Spirit** unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

I Jn 4:6

6 **We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us;** he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth,** and the spirit of error.

I Jn 5:6

6 This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because **the Spirit is truth.**

THAT GOD'S TRUTH IS FOREVER:

We can be happy because our hope is in God that keeps the Truth 'forever'.

Ps 146:5-6

5 **Happy is he that hath the God** of Jacob for his help, **whose hope is in the LORD his God:**

6 Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: **which keepeth truth for ever:**

III. THE BIBLE DECLARES ABOUT CHRISTIANS AND TRUTH:

THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT WE KNOW 'IS' TRUTH:

The Word of the Lord is the only real Truth! Other words such as in philosophy, psychology, or religion may have 'some' truths in it, but it is not the 'whole' Truth! (Col. 2:8)

Ps 119:142

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and **thy law is the truth.**

Ps 119:151

151 Thou art near, O LORD; and **all thy commandments are truth.**

Isa 25:1

1 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; **thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.**

Dan 10:21

21 But I will shew thee that which is **noted in the scripture of truth:** and there is none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

John 17:17

17 **Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

Gal 2:5

5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; **that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.**

Eph 1:13

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that **ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation:** in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Col 1:5-6

5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, **whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;**

6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, **since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:**

1Thes 2:13

13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, **when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth,** the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

THAT CHRISTIANS MUST STUDY THE WORD OF TRUTH:

We need to 'study' the Word of Truth.

2 Tim 2:15

15 **Study to shew thyself approved unto God,** a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

2 Tim 3:16

16 **All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

THAT THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT IS 'IN US' IS TRUTH:

The Word of the Lord that is 'in us', and that we speak forth, is the Truth.

IKing 17:24

24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou art a man of God, and that **the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.**

Acts 26:24-25

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, **I am not mad,** most noble Festus; **but speak forth the words of truth** and soberness.

Rom 9:1

1 **I say the truth in Christ,** I lie not, my conscience **also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,**

2 Cor 11:10

10 **As the truth of Christ is in me,** no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

1 Tim 2:7

7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, **(I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;)** a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

THAT THE TRUTH WILL SET US FREE:

The Truth that is in Christians 'sets us free', therefore we can rejoice.

John 8:31-32

31 **Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him,** If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Cor 13:6

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but **rejoiceth in the truth;**

THAT WE ARE SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH:

We Christians are Sanctified or 'set apart' from the world by the Truth.

Jesus said:

John 17:16-19

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, **that they also might be sanctified through the truth.**

THAT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS 'IN' TRUTH:

We cannot exercise the 'Fruit of the Spirit' as Christians unless we do so by living in Truth.

Gal 5:22-23

22 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Eph 5:9

9 **(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)**

THAT THE MAIN PART OF THE ARMOR OF GOD IS TRUTH:

The most important part of the Christian's anatomy is protected by the Truth.

Eph 6:13-14

13 Wherefore **take unto you the whole armour of God**, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 **Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth**, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Ps 91:4

4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: **his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.**

THAT WALKING IN TRUTH CAN HELP OUR HEALING:

When we are 'walking' in Truth, God hears our prayers, and will meet our needs.

II Ki 20:3 Isa. 38:1-5

3 I beseech thee, **O LORD, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth** and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.

II Ki 20:5-6

5 Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, **Thus saith the LORD**, the God of David thy father, **I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee:** on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the LORD.

6 **And I will add unto thy days fifteen years;.....**

2 Chr 31:20

20 **And thus did Hezekiah** throughout all Judah, **and wrought that which was good and right and truth before the LORD his God.**

THAT OUR LOVE ‘MUST’ BE IN TRUTH:

The Bible says that we ‘must’ Love in Truth.

I Jn 3:16-19

16 **Hereby perceive we the love of God**, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 **My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**

19 **And hereby we know that we are of the truth**, and shall assure our hearts before him.

THAT WE MUST SPEAK THE TRUTH:

As Christians we must always ‘speak’ the Truth, even when it is not convenient or whether it will be received or not! (Eze. 2:5, 7 3:11)

Prov 8:6-7

6 Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and **the opening of my lips shall be right things.**

7 **For my mouth shall speak truth;** and wickedness is an abomination to my lips.

Prov 12:17

17 **He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness:** but a false witness deceit.

Prov 12:19

19 **The lip of truth shall be established for ever:** but a lying tongue is but for a moment.

Mal 2:6

6 **The law of truth was in his mouth**, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, **and did turn many away from iniquity.**

THAT OUR CHILDREN WALK IN TRUTH:

As Christians, we are to ‘teach’ our children the Truth, and how to walk in it. If our children ‘walk’ in Truth, even our President (or King) will not fail.

IKing 2:1

1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying,

IKing 2:4

4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, **If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.****IKing 3:6**

6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, **according as he walked before thee in truth**, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that **thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day.**

Isa 38:19

19**the father to the children shall make known thy truth.**

IV. THE BIBLE DECLARES ABOUT THE CHURCH AND TRUTH:

THAT THE CHURCH MUST LOVE IN TRUTH:

The Bible says that the Church which is the Pillar of Truth, 'must' Love in Truth.

Ps 40:10-11

10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: **I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.**

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, **O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.**

II Jn 1:1-6

1 The elder **unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth;**

2 **For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.**

3 Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, **in truth and love.**

4 **I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.**

5 **And now I beseech thee, lady,** not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, **that we love one another.**

6 **And this is love, that we walk after his commandments.** This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Eph 4:15

15 **But speaking the truth in love, may grow up** into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Eph 4:25

25 Wherefore putting away lying, **speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.**

1 Tim 3:14-15

14 **These things write I unto thee**, hoping to come unto thee shortly:

15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know **how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God**, which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and ground of the truth.**

THAT WE IN THE CHURCH SERVE THE LORD IN TRUTH:

The Bible says that we must 'Serve' the Lord in Truth.

Josh 24:14

14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and **serve him in sincerity and in truth:.....**

1 Sam 12:24

24 Only fear the LORD, and **serve him in truth with all your heart:** for consider how great things he hath done for you.

John 3:21

21 But **he that doeth truth cometh to the light**, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

2 Cor 4:1-2

1 **Therefore seeing we have this ministry**, as we have received mercy, **we faint not;**

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; **but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.**

2 Cor 13:8

8 **For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.**

2 Tim 2:24-26

24 **And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men**, apt to teach, patient,

25 **In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;**

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

THAT WE NEED TO PRAY FOR TRUTH IN THE CHURCH:

We need to pray for 'understanding' of the Truth of God in the Church.

Dan 9:13

13 As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: **yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth.**

THAT OUR LEADERS SHOULD BE MEN/WOMEN OF TRUTH:

Our Leaders need to be men and women of Truth.

Exod 18:21

21 **Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men**, such as fear God, **men of truth**, hating covetousness; and place such over them, **to be rulers** of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:

THAT WE MUST 'PREACH' THE TRUTH:

The Preachers 'must' Preach the Truth!

Eccl 12:9-10

9 And moreover, **because the preacher was wise**, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs.

10 **The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.**

THAT THE ANOINTING WE RECEIVE 'IS' THE TRUTH:

We as Christians have an 'Anointing' from God, so that we need no man to teach us. That 'Anointing' is the Truth!

I Jn 2:20

20 But ye have an unction (anointing) from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

I Jn 2:27

27 **But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you**, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, **and is truth**, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

V. THE BIBLE DECLARES ABOUT SALVATION AND TRUTH:

THOSE THAT WANT TO BE SAVED:

Those that want to be Saved 'must' speak the Truth with their mouth and from their heart.

Speaking the Truth is a choice!

Ps 15:1-2

1 **LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?** who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 **He that** walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and **speaketh the truth in his heart.**

Ps 145:18

18 **The LORD is nigh unto all them** that call upon him, **to all that call upon him in truth.**

Ps 119:30

30 **I have chosen the way of truth:** thy judgments have I laid before me.

Ps 25:5

5 **Lead me in thy truth**, and teach me: **for thou art the God of my salvation;** on thee do I wait all the day.

Ps 51:6

6 **Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:** and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Rom 10:8-10

8 But what saith it? **The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart:** that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9 **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

10 For **with the heart** man believeth unto righteousness; **and with the mouth** confession is made unto salvation.

VI. THE BIBLE DECLARES ABOUT MERCY AND TRUTH:

MERCY AND TRUTH:

The Bible states that 'Mercy and Truth' go together.

Ps 25:10

10 **All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth** unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Ps 57:3

3 **.....God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.**

Ps 57:10

10 **For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.**

Ps 61:7

7 He shall abide before God for ever: **O prepare mercy and truth**, which may preserve him.

Ps 69:13

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, **in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.**

Ps 85:10-11

10 **Mercy and truth are met together;** righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 **Truth shall spring out of the earth;** and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Ps 89:14

14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: **mercy and truth shall go before thy face.**

David prayed:

Ps 86:11-16

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; **I will walk in thy truth:** unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 **For great is thy mercy toward me:** and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my soul; and have not set thee before them.

15 But **thou, O Lord, art a God** full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and **plenteous in mercy and truth.**

16 O turn unto me, and **have mercy upon me;** give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Israel is promised:

Ps 98:3

3 **He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:** all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Ps 100:5

5 **For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.**

Ps 108:4

4 **For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.**

Proverbs and Isaiah states:

Prov 3:3

3 **Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:**

Prov 14:22

22 Do they not err that devise evil? but **mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.**

Prov 16:6

6 **By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:** and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Prov 20:28

28 **Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.**

Isa 16:5

5 **And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth** in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

VII. VARIOUS WARNINGS FROM THE BIBLE:

A WARNING TO 'BACKSLIDDEN' CHRISTIANS:

These are warnings about Truth from Paul to the Christians in Galatia.

Gal 3:1-3

1 **O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth**, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 **Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?**

Gal 4:16

16 **Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?**

Gal 5:7

7 Ye did run well; **who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?**

Other warnings to 'backslidden' Christians.

Heb 10:26

26 **For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,**

James 5:19-20

19 **Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth**, and one convert him;

20 **Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**

A WARNING TO THE CHURCH:

Do not 'sell' the Truth.

Do not 'prostitute' the Truth for money.

Prov 23:23

23 **Buy the truth, and sell it not**; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

Beware of the 'Prosperity Doctrine'!

Beware of those that think 'Prosperity' is Godliness!

1 Tim 6:3

3 **If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words**, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;

1 Tim 6:5-10

5 **Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 **For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith,** and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Beware of Envy and Strife.

1 Tim 6:4

4 **He is proud, knowing nothing,** but **doting about questions and strifes of words,** whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

James 3:14-16

14 **But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.**

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 **For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.**

Beware of 'False' Teachers.

2 Pet 2:1-2

1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as **there shall be false teachers among you,** who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

2 **And many shall follow their pernicious ways;** by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

A WARNING TO THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW THE 'TRUE GOD':

He (Jesus Christ) is coming Soon!

Ps 96:13

13 Before **the LORD:** for he cometh, for **he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.**

Isa 42:3

.....he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

Jer 9:3

3 **And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth;** for they proceed from evil to evil, and **they know not me,** saith the LORD.

Jer 9:5

5 **And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth:** they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.

John 8:43-47

43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.

44 **Ye are of your father the devil,** and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

45 **And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.**

46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? **And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?**

47 **He that is of God heareth God's words:** ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.

I Jn 1:6

6 **If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

I Jn 1:8

8 **If we say that we have no sin,** we deceive ourselves, and **the truth is not in us.**

I Jn 2:4

4 **He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

A WARNING TO HOMOSEXUALS:

No matter what man says, God will 'judge' the homosexuals as 'unbelievers', for they know not the Truth!

Rom 1:18

18 **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

Rom 1:24-28

24 **Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness** through the lusts of their own hearts, **to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:**

25 **Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator,** who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: **for even their women did change the natural use** into that which is against nature:

27 **And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman,** burned in their lust one toward another; **men with men** working that which is unseemly, **and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error** which was meet.

28 **And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**

Rom 1:32

32 **Who knowing the judgment of God,** that they which commit such things are worthy of death, **not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**

Rom 2:2

2 **But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.**

Rom 2:5-6

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 **Who will render to every man according to his deeds:**

Rom 2:8

8 But **unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Rom 2:11

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

A WARNING TO AMERICA:

Some wonder when God will ‘judge’ America.

God will ‘judge’ America as soon as there is no more knowledge of God, nor anyone who calls for justice, mercy and Truth. I believe this will happen right after the “Translation” of the Church. We are almost there, and it won’t be long before God will show His Wrath!

Hosea 4:1

1 **Hear the word of the LORD**, ye children of Israel: **for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.**

Jer 7:28

28 But thou shalt say unto them, **This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.**

Isa 59:4

4 **None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth:** they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

Isa 59:14-15

14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: **for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.**

15 **Yea, truth faileth;** and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

Jer 5:1

1 **Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem (America), and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.**

Jer 5:3

3 **O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth?** thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but **they have refused to receive correction:** they have made their faces harder than a rock; **they have refused to return.**

Jer 7:28

28 But thou shalt say unto them, **This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.**

However, if America ‘Repents’ before it is too late, the ‘Good News’ is:

Isa 26:1-2

1 **In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah (America);** We have a strong city; **salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.**

2 **Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.**

Zech 8:1-8

1 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

2 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion (America) with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury.**

3 **Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion (America), and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem (Washington DC): and Jerusalem (Washington DC) shall be called a city of truth;** and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem (Washington DC),** and every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

5 **And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.**

6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.

7 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country;**

8 **And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem (Washington DC): and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.**

This is the answer for Christians to help ‘save’ America while we are still here.

Zech 8:16

16 **These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:**

CONCLUSION:

This is the ‘Conclusion’ for those Christians that will ‘listen’ to the Truth, because you ‘know’ the Truth.

I Jn 2:21

21 **I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.**

Avoid arguments with those that ‘err’ from the Truth, because it doesn’t help.

2 Tim 2:16-18

16 **But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.**

17 **And their word will eat as doth a canker:** of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 **Who concerning the truth have erred,** saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Because you know that ‘Perilous times’ are Coming!

2 Tim 3:1-2

1 **This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.**

2 **For men shall be** lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

2 Tim 3:7-8

7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, **so do these also resist the truth:** men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2 Tim 4:3-4

3 **For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine;** but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 **And they shall turn away their ears from the truth,** and shall be turned unto fables.

God would have ‘all’ to be Saved.

1 Tim 2:3-4

3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of **God our Saviour;**

4 **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.**

However, we must ‘believe’ the Truth!

II Th 2:13

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, **brethren beloved of the Lord,** because **God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation** through sanctification of the Spirit **and belief of the truth:**

If we do, we will ‘hear’ His voice!

John 18:37

.....**Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

And we will ‘walk’ in Truth!

3 Jn 1:1-7

1 The elder unto the wellbeloved Gaius, **whom I love in the truth.**

2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

3 **For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth.**

4 **I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.**

- 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;
- 6 Which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well:
- 7 Because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles.

And if we walk in Truth, we should receive 'the brethren' that also walk in Truth, so that we may be 'fellow helpers' of the Truth.

3 Jn 1:8

8 We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.

Approving ourselves as 'Ministers' of God by the Word of Truth.

2 Cor 6:4

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

2 Cor 6:7

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,

Knowing that the Truth of God endures 'Forever'!

Ps 117:1-2

1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

AMEN!

TIMOTHY II