

KEEPING YOUR LOVE FOR THE TRUTH

Wednesday Night Bible Study

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2Th 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

2Th 2:8 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:

2Th 2:9 *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth**, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2Th 2:13 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:

2Th 2:14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Th 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

2Th 2:10

And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness - **There are two ideas here.** The first is, that there would be deceit; and the other is, that it would be for the purpose of promoting unrighteousness or iniquity. The immoral system would be maintained by counterfeit methods.

God shall send them strong delusion - Greek: “energy of deceit;” In Hebrew, meaning strong deceit a working of error. The phrase is unique in N.T. It means an active power of misleading. A fatal delusion, a misleading influence.

love of the truth — not merely love of *truth*, **but love of THE truth**

Because they received not the love of the truth - They prefer this system of error and delusion to the simple and pure gospel, by which they might have been saved.

2Ti 4:1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

2Ti 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;

2Ti 4:4 And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2Ti 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

We must take inventory of where we are as a church, as a movement, not just Pentecostals but the whole of Christianity. If we must hold on to the truth that hold us together, time is of the essence. There must be a revival of truth and holiness. We must earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. And not slip down the slippery slope of compromise and worldliness. We cannot let the breakdown or absence of social norms and values in the world affect the church. This world is on the brink of a culture, moral, and spiritual collapse. We must maintain our Love for the Truth and separation from the wicked and perverse generation.

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

Pro 23:23

Buy — literally, “get” (Pro 4:5).

READ THE TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE

It is the book that reveals the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding, its histories true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. The Bible contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the travelers map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good is its design and the glory of God its end. It should fill your memory, rule your heart, and guide your feet in righteousness and true holiness. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully, meditatively, searchingly, devotionally, and study it consistently, perseveringly, and industriously. Read it through and through until it becomes part of your being and generates faith that will move mountains. The Bible is a mine of wealth, the source of health, and a world of pleasure. It is given to you in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and it will stand forever. It involved the highest responsibility, will reward the least to the greatest of labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

LOVE TRUTH

Joh 17:15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

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

Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 1:14 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.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Pro 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

THE BLESSING OF KNOWING TRUTH

Mat 13:16 But blessed *are* your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear.

Mat 13:17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous *men* have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

Luk 24:44 And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me.

Luk 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Psa 19:7 The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple.

Psa 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.

THE BIBLE IS THE BOOK OF ALL AGES AND GENERATIONS

Psa 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Psa 33:12 Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD; *and* the people *whom* he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

Psa 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, *and* into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, *and* bless his name.

Psa 100:5 For the LORD *is* good; his mercy *is* everlasting; and his truth *endureth* to all generations.

DEVELOP AN CONSTANT LOVE FOR GODS WORD

Job 23:12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary *food*.

Psa 119:97 MEM. O how love I thy law! it *is* my meditation all the day.

Psa 119:98 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me.

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

Psa 119:100 I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts.

Psa 119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

Psa 119:102 I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me.

Psa 119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! *yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!

Psa 119:104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Psa 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

1. **We not only reverence God's Word**, but we must love His Law, and must obey it out of love. And even when it corrects us, we love it none the less. The law is God's law, and therefore it is our love.
2. **Doctrine**: Shows you the path to walk on
3. **Reproof**: Shows you where you've gotten off the path
4. **Correction**: Shows you how to get back on the path

5. **Instructions:** Show you how to stay on the path.

Pro 15:31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

Pro 15:32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.

Pro 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

Psa 138:7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me: thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

Psa 138:8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

Psa 119:92 Unless thy law *had been* my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

Psa 119:93 I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me.

Psa 119:94 I *am* thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

**WHEN YOU LOVE TRUTH NOTHING CAN SEPARATE YOU
FROM THAT LOVE OF GOD**

Rom 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Rom 8:37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you are not dying, you probably are not living

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 4:8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

2Co 4:9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2Co 4:12 So then death worketh in us, but life in you.