

Mt. Lebanon Church/ Big Issac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

The Truth Will Set Us Free

John 8: 31 – 32

Deuteronomy 30:19,....I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live....

God gave unto mankind freewill, which allows every individual the ability to choose between obedience and disobedience, this ultimately is the choice between life and death. Therefore, humanity's greatest desire is freedom, the ability to choose his own pathway of opportunity, believing to escape the pressures of this world, finding independence without responsibility. Now, true freedom can only come to us when we allow Gods truth to set us free. This is freedom that begins through the truth of God's word, by accepting his saving grace, being set free from the bondage of sin. Now, once saved, we must strive to continue to experience the spiritual characteristics of our freedom, allowing God to position us in his righteousness through Christ. Now, since freedom comes by truth, then we must learn to walk in the light of that truth, by becoming obedient to the promises and commandments of God's word. In the world, the external circumstances of freedom may always be changing, but our response, as believers, stands firm in Christ.

John 16: 33,....in the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world....

Even though life on earth tries to bring bondage through worldly deception, as believers, we have freedom through the inner peace of our salvation, for Christ, through the crucifixion and resurrection has already conquered the power of sin and death.

John 17: 17,....sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth....

As believers, we are now separated from an unbelieving world, because we have been united in God, by the truth of his word, and the more that we turn to God through his word, the more that we will be transformed into the image and likeness of his Son. We are set apart for a holy purpose, we are consecrated for a holy service, we are transformed by the truth of God's word, aligning our lives with Gods will. The gospel of truth is our absolute objective to reality, for it is to control our thoughts, our minds, and our behaviors, keeping us safe from the destructive influences of the world. Therefore, our spiritual growth is actively driven, as we fervently seek God through our obedience to his word.

John 8: 31 – 32,....then said Jesus....if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples in deed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free....

So, why as believers, do we desperately need the truth to set us free, it is because falling prey to the temptation of sin corrupts our thinking, it controls our actions, and it destroys our peace of mind, for sin separates us from God, and if mankind continues to allow it to do so, sin will condemn us to an eternal condemnation in hell. But Christ, who represents the truth of all things, has made it possible for mankind to escape the eternal damnation of sin, by accepting Gods free gift of salvation, through the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Now, are there those who are born again, but they do not choose to abide in the truth of God's word, sure there is, and from time to time we all fall into that category, but as we obey the truth of God's word we will grow in wisdom, and in knowledge, and our spiritual understanding will mature. But remember, just accepting the truth of God's word is not enough, we must also become obedient to his word. As believers, our freedom is found in our relationship with Christ, because it was our faith in him that released us from our spiritual captivity.

1 John 5: 20,....We know that the Son of God has come, and hath given unto 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....

Christ offers unto all spiritual freedom from the bondage of sin, which means that he will release us from our own sinful lifestyle by helping us to see his truth in our life. Christ came to proclaim to all of humanity, that there is liberty in truth, and he is that truth. So, for the believer, God gives unto us a spiritual concept of his nature, and his character, so that we might develop a personal, intimate relationship with him. For it is only through the truth of God's word that we can grasp the depth of his love, his compassion, his grace, and his mercy, so that we might be able to see the reality of our eternal life with him.

Galatians 5: 13,....brethern, you have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another....

Our spiritual freedom does not give us permission to follow after selfish, worldly desires, but so that we might willingly serve God and one another. True freedom is not making choices so that we might do what we want to do, but it is having the power to do what the Holy Spirit is leading and guiding us to do.

Jeremiah 10: 10,....the Lord is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king....he hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion....

The greatness of the power of God cannot be compared with anything that is in the heavens above or on the earth beneath, for God alone is the eternal, sovereign God of the universe. Gods perfect plan for mankind is unfolding before our eyes daily. Gods rule is eternal, and unchanging, and he offers unto us security, and the assurance of our salvation in an unchanging world. He provides unto us a foundation of faith, so that we might rely upon the promises and the commandments of his word, as we live through the inconsistencies of our life in this world.

John 17: 3,....this is eternal life, that we might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent....

Eternal life is not just something that we look forward to, eternal life is a free gift of grace from God, given unto all who will believe, to have as a possession, not only in the future, but also now in this present day. Therefore, it is something that is received the moment that we trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Eternal life is not just a knowledge of God, it is knowing God personally, it is an intimate eternal fellowship with him that started with grace. We cannot know the Father without the Son, for they are one in truth, one in purpose, one in spirit, and one in life. Christ is the word of God that was made flesh; therefore, he is the only one who can make God known unto all mankind. There is no life without God, and the life that he gives is eternal life, which is given unto the one that is dead in trespasses and sins the moment that we trust in him as our savior. Therefore, there is no life without God, and without Christ there is no access to God, for he has given Christ the power over all of mankind, so that he might give eternal life to as many who shall receive him.

3 John 1: 3 – 4,....I rejoice greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in truth....I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth....

For those who walking in fellowship with God, it can be said that we are walking in the truth of God's word. So, as believers, we are to live for the pleasure of seeing others mature in their relationship with God, to encourage others, to build them up, so that they might walk in truth, and that all of mankind might realize that there is no greater joy in life than a true relationship with God.

John 8: 36,....if the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed....

So, without faith in Christ we are bound by sin, for sin enslaves us, and it deceives us by promising us freedom, but really all it does is control us, and corrupt us by the sinful deception of the world. Christ sets us free from our own self-righteousness, free from the power of sin in our lives. We are only truly free when we have been set free in Christ. The freedom that Christ gives unto us is the freedom to willingly become obedient to his word. So, in this regard, we are now free to do what we want to do, but what we want to do is that which God would desire for us to do. This means that we no longer desire the sinful attractions of the world, but we desire to be free in Christ. As believers, we are no longer defined by the things which we have done, but we are defined by that which Christ has done through us by his love. If we are faithful in Christ, then we can truly say that we have allowed Gods truth to set us free.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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