

Can We Know the Truth

John 8:31-36

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free'?"

34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. NKJV

We live in a world where not only do people not think there is truth, but even if there was there is no way to know that we know it and if we did it would not make much different anyway.

Without a doubt, in this area we have lost the battle. A very large percentage of Christians today do not believe that there is absolute truth. And about 60%, if my memory serves me, believe that there are other ways to God, other than Jesus.

Our universities have long ago adopted a post modern way of looking at things. No one has the truth, no one knows the truth, and no one cares. Our political system has fostered this idea and continues to manufacture a constantly changing stream of "truth" as it suits them.

The Christian is not even allowed in the conversation simply because they are Christians.

I. Who is He speaking to?

A. He is speaking to those who believed Him.

B. Jesus parable of the soils explains this.

1. Mark 4:3-8 3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. 5 Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. 7 And some seed fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. 8 But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred." NKJV

2. Mark 4:13-20 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? 14 The sower sows the word. 15 And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. 16 These likewise are the ones sown on stony

ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; 17 and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble. 18 Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, 19 and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred." NKJV

- C. Simply speaking there are some who only believe superficially.
- D. They who do not continue in His word are not His disciples.
 - 1. They are empty and void.
 - 2. There is little or nothing real in their spiritual life.
 - 3. They have a sign out front but that is all.
- E. They do not produce fruit.
 - 1. Remember Jesus said that you will know them by their fruits.
 - 2. If there are no fruits, then they are false.
 - 3. John 15:2-8 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. NKJV

II. What is the condition He lays down?

- A. That they must continue in His word.
 - 1. That is His teachings, the principles He taught and commanded of His followers.
 - 2. They must not only know it, they must live it.
 - 3. One cannot live what they do not know.
 - 4. The word must be the basis of how we live or we are sucked into the rela

III. What is the primary result?

A. You will know the truth.

1. John 7:17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. NKJV
2. The reason why the truth is not so well known is that in reality most people do not what to know the truth.
3. God is not going to force the truth on us, He wants us to love Him and desire His truth before He let us know it.

IV. What is the secondary result?

A. They will be free.

1. Free from the power of sin.
2. Free to do God's will and follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
3. Free from the lies of Satan & the world.
4. Free from the influence of our culture.

B. Free from the penalty of sin and condemnation.

C. Free from the guilt of sin.

Are you free today?

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