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Truth

Part 1: The Importance of Truth



Anything but Truth is a Lie

- # Our society doesn't think this way.
 - # When people refuse to submit to God's truth, they are worshipping self and following a lie – Rom. 1:24-25
 - This is true even for those who claim to follow Christ
 - God's word must rule a Christian's life – 2 Tim. 4:1-4; 1 Cor. 2:11-12
 - # God's approval requires that we be devoted students of His word – 2 Tim. 2:15
 - # Any standard of service to God that is not His word of truth is a lie.
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Truth Must be Respected and Obeyed

- # If you want to be purified from your sin, it will come through **the truth**
 - 1 Pet. 1:22-23
 - Truth AND obedience to it is required for salvation.
 - Doctrinal truth cannot be trivialized – Rom. 6:16-18; 1 Tim. 4:16
 - # If you want to be sanctified, it must come by the truth – Jn. 17:17-19
 - Sanctified means set apart for God's holy use.
 - Sanctification doesn't happen by sincerity alone – Acts 26:9
 - Sanctification requires action on our part – 2 Tim. 2:20-21
 - The importance of this sanctification by truth cannot be overemphasized – Acts 20:32
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- ✦ If you want your worship to be accepted by God, it must be done in truth.
 - It is true that worship requires the heart; but this doesn't negate following truth.
 - God desires his people to worship in truth – Jn. 4:23-24; Matt. 15:9
 - ✦ If you want to have the hope of heaven in God's grace, it comes through knowing the truth – Col. 1:3-6
 - ✦ You will be judged by the truth
 - All will be judged by the truth – Psa. 96:13; Rom. 2:1-2
 - Those who do not obey the truth will face God's wrath – Rom. 2:6-8
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