

But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God. **John 3:21**

## Store In My Heart 1Peter 4:16

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Suffering for evil should be expected. There should be shame in a child of God who commits sin. Suffering because one serves Christ should never cause shame. In fact, it should cause us to give even greater praise to God.

The time may come when we must serve Christ with full knowledge that such service might bring us physical harm and loss. We must not let fear of such keep us from serving but should proudly serve even in face of such dangers so that God will be glorified by our life.

Our life is not our own. We have given it to Christ and all that we do must give glory to Him and the Father. Let us be careful to stand firm on the commands and teachings found in His inspired Word no matter the cost to self.



# Truth Versus Lies

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God has always spoken the truth. He cannot lie (Hebrews 6:18). When the prophets of old spoke by the Holy Spirit, they always told the truth and never made a prophecy that failed to come to pass under the conditions God had set (2Peter 1:19-21). Thus, the Holy Scriptures are truth, and those things written or taught contrary to the Scriptures and denying the Scriptures are lies and deception. Satan is the father of lies (John 8:44). Those who proclaim his falsehoods and perversions of what God has said are in his camp and are guilty of teaching lies. Here, then, is a contrast so clearly defined that none should be confused as to what is truth and what is falsehood.

Why, then, do so many follow error and teach it? The Scriptures tell us. Some are blinded by prejudice (Matthew 13:13-15). Some are choosing to establish their own system of righteousness (Romans 10:1-3), and thus do not submit to the righteousness of God. In ignorance of the truth, some blindly follow the leadership of blind guides, being overcome by the wiles of the devil (Matthew 15:14; Ephesians 6:11). Some love darkness because they participate in evil-doing and wish to justify themselves in their deeds, so they stay away from the truth (John 3:19-21). Many gullible souls do not study for themselves, but rather accept what they are told because personal responsibility is too much work for them. Others simply do not believe the truth when they have heard it. Still others have become so infatuated with human wisdom and knowledge falsely so called that they are utterly swept away by it (1Timothy 6:20-21).

Neighbor, where do you stand? Do you believe the particulars of truth set forth in the Bible? Your personal duty toward God is found in the New Testament. Will you accept it and obey Christ in order to be saved (Hebrews 5:8-9)? Or are you one of those who know who know not God and who obey not the gospel (2Thesalonians 1:7-9)?

# The Precious Truth

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Truth is precious. It makes men free (**John 8:32**). Buy it and don't sell out for anything or anyone (**Proverbs 23:23**). Don't let deceivers rob you through human philosophy and empty deceit (**Colossians 2:8**). Error uses many guises to lead people astray. We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices (**2Corinthians 2:11**).

Satan would shift authority from the unchanging Scriptures to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. One officially approved book says, "Concerning truths we are bound to believe, the ONLY AUTHORITY to be consulted is the Holy Church." Again, it states, "For the theologian there is but one decisive question: what is the ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH on such and such point?" (The Glorious Assumption of the Mother of God, pp. 1,2). What any church teaches today is not always what it taught in the past. Thus, churches disagree with what their own previous leaders have taught. How then can truth be determined from such changing voices?

Mormonism claims continuing revelation. One such "revelation" among them authorized polygamy. Later, another "revelation" supposedly ended polygamy among them. The Book of Mormon denies the completeness of the Bible and raises doubts about the trustworthiness of the Holy Scriptures. The Scriptures claim completeness (**2Timothy 3:16-17; Jude 3**). Why would Joseph Smith raise doubts about the Bible? Evidently, doubting the Scriptures was essential to people's willingness to be taught the new doctrine of Mormonism, which claimed to be better, supposedly supplying "the many plain and precious things which have been taken out of the book" (1Nephi 13:21-29, 33-35). Many have been led into Mormonism by its energetic efforts and its taking advantage of the ignorance of the Bible among so many people. It is not a matter of weakness of the Scriptures that causes people to accept false doctrines. The problem lies in the ignorance of people and in their being led like naive children wherever their inclinations and pleasures move them.

Friends, "beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Examine intensively by the Scriptures anything that I or any other person tells you about God and His truth in the Scriptures.

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## For Our Information

**Jim Soliday** is to have a cardiac ablation sometime in the next month or so to help with his a fib problem.

**Vickie McNeas** has been dealing with stomach issues.

**Paula Laubach** has been nursing a sore throat this week.

**Shannon Soliday** has started physical therapy for his shoulder.

**Brenda Keisler** is getting some extra physical therapy sessions.

Sunday Evening – **Zechariah 9** Wednesday – **John 12:12**

Question sheets are available to help with these studies.

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7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study