

"The Word as Personal Truth" John 1:9-17

The truth is not, as many think, a matter of interpretation - yours or mine. The truth has been interpreted by Christ. He is God's personal "say so", His living definition of all that is true and real. Ultimate truth, therefore, is always personal - "I am the truth" (Jo 14:6). Jesus Christ is the substance, the content of Christian teaching (Eph 4:20-21). When God spoke the truth in love to the human race, when God revealed the truth of Himself in all its fullness to mankind, He did so in a Person... in Jesus Christ the Lord. He is the definitive "Word" on all that concerns us. And since He is eternal, His truth is unchanging and absolute. There are no "usuallys", "maybes", or "most of the time" about Him. As God's Word, Christ is the Truth for all people, in all places, at all times. To pursue life apart from the Truth, then, is to pursue a lie (II Tim 4:3-4).

This is why the Scriptures are forever directing us to "behold" Him, "consider" Him, "look" to Him - to reference Him on every subject. We are told He is to have "the preeminence" - the first place in everything (Col 1:18). Since truth gets its standard, its meaning, its liberating power from the Person of Christ, we are to interpret every event, all of life through Christ, not interpret Christ through the event.

God graciously opens us up to His Truth by inflicting life upon us! (See Jo 16:33; Acts 14:22; Ro 8:26-29; James 1:2-4; I Pet 5:10.) We know the truth only by faith and tension is required for us to make a faith choice. We must, at first, face some contradiction between what I see or feel or think and what God says. For example:

- ...My eyes tell me, "God could never be in this." But God says, "I will never leave or forsake you." (Heb 13:5)
- ...My feelings say, "I am not dead to sin." But God says, "You are dead to sin." (Ro 6:2,11)
- ...My thinker says, "There is no way this can be triumph." But God says, "I always lead you in My triumph." (II Co 2:14)

ONE OF US IS LYING!!!

Who will we authorize to be the truth teller?

When we orient and abandon ourselves to the Person of Truth, the Truth Himself sets us free - free to experience the reality of what it means to be a created expression of the Uncreated Truth!



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August is upon us and the heat is on throughout the country. The need for extra hydration and rest is obvious in the physical realm. The refreshing and renewing power of cool water and a restful break is known by all.

Spiritually speaking, the "heat" is always on. The winds of this world blow hot straight from Hell, there is always "busy" work to do, and finding refreshment and renewal is often hard to come by.

Thus the need for a "sabbath-ed" life - one that intentionally carves our places and spaces for deliberately drawing cool drinks from the Well of our Salvation, for purposefully taking refuge in the safety of Infinite Love, for consciously entering into the Yoke of Rest Himself.

Be sure to refresh with Living Water and renew the love affair by abiding in the Secret Place on a regular basis. An un-sabbathed life is dangerous - you might suffer from spiritual dehydration and heat exhaustion without it - and that could be deadly!

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