

Let Us Learn about the Truth
(John 8:31-32)

Introduction:

1. In vs.32 Jesus mentioned an important objective -- "knowing the truth."
2. Knowing the truth is not accomplished by accident -- we must continue in the Lord's Word.
3. The truth provides a special blessing -- it makes us free.
4. In our lesson we are studying a number of passages that teach us about the truth -- as we study, "let us learn about the truth."
5. The first point we need to make is that . . .

Discussion:

- I. SOLOMON TOUCHED ON THE PURSUIT OF "TRUTH" (Proverbs 23:23a)
 - A. "*Buy the truth*" indicates that there is a price to pay to attain truth -- it is attainable.
 - B. "*Sell it not*" indicates that truth must be retained -- it must not be discarded.
 - C. God's people are to pursue truth -- buy it and don't sell it.
- II. DURING HIS MINISTRY JESUS HAD MUCH TO SAY ABOUT "TRUTH"
 - A. (John 4:23-24) Jesus said that true worshipers worship the Father "*in spirit and in truth.*"
 - B. (John 8:31-32) We can know the truth, and it will make us free.
 - C. (John 14:6) Jesus identified Himself as "*the truth.*"
 - D. (John 17:17) Jesus identified God's Word as truth, and He said that God sanctifies through His truth.
 - E. John 18:37
 1. Jesus said that He came to "*bear witness unto the truth.*"
 2. "*Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*"
 - F. While Jesus had much to say about truth during His ministry, let us turn our attention to the fact that . . .
- III. TRUTH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ARMOR OF GOD
 - A. In Ephesians 6 Christians are instructed twice to put on "*the whole armor of God*" (vs.11a, 13a).
 - B. Putting on the armor of God will enable Christians to "*stand against the wiles of the devil*" (vs.11b, vs.13b).
 - C. Our enemy is Satan.
 1. (John 8:44) Jesus identified Satan as "*a liar.*"
 2. (Revelation 12:9) Satan is identified as a deceiver.
 3. Satan demonstrated his ability to lie and deceive in his dealings with Eve (Genesis 3:1-5).
 4. We are to resist Satan (James 4:7b).
 - D. According to Ephesians 6:14a, the Christian soldier is to have his "*loins girt about with truth.*"
 - E. To be able to withstand Satan, Christians must be armed with "truth."
- IV. WE ARE TO THINK ON "*WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE TRUE*" (Philippians 4:8)

Conclusion:

1. We have examined a number of passages that teach us about the truth.
2. Have you allowed God to sanctify you through His truth?
3. If you have, is truth a part of your armor?