

The Spirit of Truth

The Spirit of Life - Week 5 (11-1-23)

John 16:12-13

I. Defining Truth

- A. (Greek) Truth = Not merely truth as spoken; truth of idea, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, straightforwardness
 - 1. Also translated as verity - being true or real and being truthful or honest. (Let's be real) - sincere, authentic, genuine
 - a) Your most authentic self is hidden in Christ! It's not something you conclude based on how you feel or what your heart or emotions tell you.
 - b) Transparency and vulnerability
 - (1) The truth doesn't get scared when you question it. If we are in an honest pursuit of truth, it will eventually reveal itself to you. - Proverbs 2
- B. (Hebrew) Truth = Emmet - Firmness, trustworthiness, constancy, faithfulness, truth
 - 1. The Hebrew understanding of truth was not just "this truth" or "that truth", but the whole truth.
 - a) The Hebrew letters that make up Emmet come from the beginning, middle, and end of the Hebrew alphabet. If anything is left out it's not really truth.
 - b) The first letter of the Hebrew alphabet also represents the number one which represents God. When that first letter, representing God, is omitted from the word Emmet you are left with met which is the Hebrew word for death.
 - (1) If you want just the shell of truth and not the spirit behind it, it will just lead to death.
 - (2) If we allow ourselves to drift away from God, we are drifting away from truth. We are pulling up anchor and drifting into darkness.
- C. Timeless/Eternal
 - 1. Proverbs 12:19 - "The lip of truth shall be established for ever..."
- D. Spiritual
 - 1. Truth is outside of the physical realm.
 - 2. The physical realm was created by truth.
- E. A person

II. Finding Truth

- A. Intimacy with the person of Truth
 - 1. Allowing the Spirit of truth to have room in our hearts to declare the truth.
 - a) Many times the truth is painful, but it is always the best road to life and healing.
 - 2. John 8:31-32
 - a) We come to "know" the truth by continuing in it. Continue = remain, abide, wait.
 - b) John 16:13 - He will guide us into all truth.
 - (1) We have to be led into truth, a little at a time. It builds on itself and never contradicts itself.

- (a) Isaiah 28:10 - "...precept upon precept; line upon line..."
- (b) Thus the need for a developing relationship and intimacy with the Spirit of Truth.
- c) 2 Corinthians 3:14-18
 - (1) We find truth based on what is being communicated in the spirit.
 - (a) Have you learned to hear with your spiritual ears?

III. Fighting for the Truth

- A. All spiritual warfare is over truth
- B. John 14:26-27
 - 1. If the enemy can't get you to doubt God (truth), he can't get you.
 - a) There is tremendous power in not being swayed by ANY obstacles that the enemy will throw at you. The only material he has to work with is carnal, but truth is spiritual and eternally unchanging.
- C. Knowing truth is vital to us running the race.
 - 1. Eph. 1:17-18 - What we know about the Father determines what we know about our future hope and the inheritance that we have in Him.
 - 2. 2 Corin. 10:4-5
 - a) We don't war after the flesh because truth is not based in the flesh but in the spirit.
 - b) Our weapons pull down strongholds and casts down imaginations (arguments).
 - (1) If our weapons are geared to tear down anything that challenges the knowledge of God, then knowing Him and His Spirit is what we are fighting for.