



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

As Jesus stood before Pilate, He stated His purpose: ***"For this reason I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."*** (John 18:37) Jesus testified to **the truth**. Not a truth, not a mixture of truth with other things but *the truth*! Those who follow *the truth* listen to God and no one else.

"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12) People can look at situations or ideas and think they are right. Upon what they determine, it looks and seems like truth in their mind. They accept it as the truth but the end result can be death! That's rather scary. *The truth* cannot be established upon what "*seems right*" to an individual. Jesus came to testify to *the truth*, which means it is only available one way and that's from Jesus' word. Mixing *the truth* with personal ideas or beliefs will lead one into death. Death means without the life of God!

How does one find *the truth*? You must look to the proper source. People say they find God in creation or they feel the closeness of God in nature. Nature does not tell us who God is nor can it direct our lives into *the truth*. Nature shows there is a God who rules and we need to seek after Him. Nature reveals the power of God and His invisible attributes but no one is ever saved or brought close to the Lord by it. Jesus said it this way: ***"Sanctify them in the truth; Thy word is truth."*** (John 17:17) *The truth* is the only way to be set apart (sanctified) for God and can only be found in His word. The only way one can draw near to God is through Jesus (Hebrews 7:25). If one will take an honest and careful search of God's word, you will find *the truth* which will move one away from what "*seems right*" in their own eyes.

To find *the truth* you must desire it! Your heart has to be set on wanting it on God's terms. To find *the truth* you must love it! That means when God confronts us with our present attitudes or desires showing us we are wrong, we must be willing to accept and change. To find *the truth* we must live it! Jesus asked: ***"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"*** (Luke 6:46)

Desiring *the truth*, loving *the truth* and living *the truth* will teach us to put away our selfish desires and wrong attitudes. The bottom line is: do we hear His voice? ***"Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice!"*** Think about it!!!

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