



... Heart to Heart ...

Does it ever astonish you how little people seem to care about the truth when it comes to God? You talk to people and they seem very content with religion, not the truth. They are sincere in their beliefs, but when the truth is brought in, they get upset. People in difficulties seem to run to other sources, if they have a resemblance to Christianity. Where does the truth fit into their thinking?

Jesus had cured a man who had been unable to walk for 38 years (John 5). After healing him, the Jews began to encounter Jesus and His teachings. Jesus exposes them stating they would accept a man and his thoughts over those of God (John 5:43). Their heart for the truth was lacking. They wanted man's glory and recognition over God's, and it prevented any faith from growing in them (John 5:44). What was worse, in their mind and own belief, they didn't realize they were without God, without the truth and without faith, and they didn't realize it was going to cost them dearly eternally (John 5:45-47).

Jesus taught His apostles He was the real source of the truth (John 14:6). The Spirit was tied directly to the truth (John 14:15-17). The Spirit of truth will be what guides those apostles (John 16:13). Every thing done and taught was based on the truth as revealed from God.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he would send Timothy to them, and Timothy would remind them of the ways of Christ which Paul followed. Paul and Timothy taught the same thing everywhere they went (I Cor. 4:17). There was no variance, no new teachings or special revelations. They didn't travel from place to place, teaching different doctrines or believing different things. They taught the same truth in every place!

That's not what we see today. How many different churches are there, each having their own doctrine? How many varied and different teachings are there? How many people think nothing of believing what you want, as long as you believe in God?

How can we be sure we are of the truth? Whatever we believe, it must line up with the teaching of Jesus and His apostles, as revealed from His word. We need to be people, as God instructed, **“As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.”** (Eph. 4:14) Think about it!!!

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