

# ENEMY, FOR TELLING THE TRUTH

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## INTRODUCTION

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### A. THE SETTING:

1. Error had been taught to the Galatians.
2. Paul was refuting the error by proclaiming the truth.
3. Now does telling them the truth make him their enemy?
4. *"I have become hated for telling you the truth" v. 16.*

### B. OUR FIRST THOUGHT:

1. No way the truth would make him their enemy.
2. In fact they should / would appreciate the truth.
3. And the help that it would give them.

### C. BUT:

1. This has not always been the result of truth telling.
  2. We have many examples when enemies were made by the truth.
  3. We would hope that the Galatians accepted what Paul said and corrected their lives.
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## VALUE OF TRUTH

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### A. "Buy the truth and sell it not" Proverbs 23:23

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### B. How Precious Is The Truth?!

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## O. T. EXAMPLES

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### A. Micaiah.... 1 Kings 22.

1. The setting:
2. The story.
3. Why did Ahab hate Micaiah?
  - a. He always says bad things about me...
  - b. That is he always told Ahab the truth.
4. What he did to the prophet.

### B. JEREMIAH:

1. The time
2. What was taking place when Jeremiah began to preach.
  - a. Judah in sin.
  - b. On the brink of disaster.

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3. Jeremiah came proclaiming the Word of God.
    - a. What was going to happen to Judah.
    - b. What the people should do.
    - c. He told the people the truth.
  4. How did the people respond to the truth?
    - a. Jeremiah was beaten, imprisoned
    - b. All but killed.
  5. Put Paul's words in Jeremiah's mouth... "Do I become your enemy for telling you the truth..."  
What is the answer?
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### N. T. EXAMPLES

- A. Obvious place to begin is with Jesus.
    1. How much time it would take to give the examples of the truth that Jesus taught - the reaction of the Jews.
    2. How did the Jews respond to the truth presented by Jesus?
      - a. Their many accusations...He has a demon, etc.
      - b. Try to stone Him.
      - c. Finally they crucify Him.
  - B. STEPHEN:
    1. One of the 7 chosen to serve.
    2. *And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. (Acts 6:8).*
    3. Acts Chapter 7; Stephen give a quick outline of O.T. history and God's plan for saving man.
    4. How did they respond? *Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. —but they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: (Acts 7: 54; 57,58).*
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### IMPORTANCE OF TRUTH

- A. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" Jn. 8:32;
  - B. John 17:17.
  - C. John 14:6.
  - D. CONCLUSION: How important is the truth today?
    1. In life. Examples.
    2. In religion????
  - E. How do people respond to the truth of God's Word today?
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