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INTRODUCTION

A. REVIEW OF LAST WEEKS LESSON:

1. Authority
2. Word of God - Bible is our ONLY Authority.
3. Note: John 17:17..... “Thy Word is Truth”.

B. SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. Can we know the truth? Must we know the truth?
2. How much of the Truth must we know?
3. Can we know that we know the truth?

C. Isaiah 59:14,15.

Truth Fallen In The Street

A. Because of their evil, God declared Jerusalem ruined and Judah as fallen (Isaiah 3:8,9).

1. Why was there no justice in Judah?
2. Why was righteousness a stranger in her camp?
3. BECAUSE truth was fallen in the street: = TEACHES US.....

B. FIRST: There is such a thing as truth.

1. It was not because God was unwilling to make His will known.
2. It was available to the people.
3. The Law given through Moses...then the Prophets.
4. Truth was fallen not because it was too obscure to be recognized... It was clear It was available. But was not respected nor upheld.

C. SECOND: God intends for His truth to be upheld.

1. Instead of letting it fall to the ground, Israel should have revered their Law.
2. “Buy the truth and sell it not” (Proverbs 23:23).
3. TODAY the church is the pillar and ground of truth (I Tim. 3:15).

D. THIRD: A Great Calamity Occurs If Truth Is Not Exalted.

1. They faced captivity because they forsook God.
 2. Today, when individuals or congregations forsake the truth, they leave the security of the saved for the condemnation of the lost. (Heb. 10:26-31).
 3. Today many are allowing truth to fall in the streets.
 4. They don’t want to live by it or have it preached in their hearing.
 5. They point accusing finger at those who uphold truth. NOTICE:
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IT IS WRONG

A. “IT IS WRONG TO SAY THAT ANYONE IS WRONG”

1. It mistreats one.
2. It is an unloving posture toward another.
- 3. You are Judging!**

B. THE TEACHING OF JESUS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT.

1. To the Sadducees, “Ye do err, not knowing the scripture” (Matt. 22:29)
2. Paul to the Galatians; “O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you” (3:1)
3. Stephen to the Jews; (Acts 7).
4. Both Paul and John, called “names” of those in error. **BUT NOTE:**

C. TO TELL SOMEONE THEY ARE WRONG FOR TELLING SOMEONE THEY ARE WRONG IS SELF CONTRADICTING!

1. You have just done what you say shouldn’t be done.
 2. Same thing with judging (even tho this is not what Jesus was talking about.)
 3. And a self-contradicting statement cannot be true under any circumstances
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POWER OF TRUTH**vs****POWER OF ERROR**

A. “*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*” (Jn. 8:32)

1. If we can’t know the truth then...
2. You shall know error and error shall make you free.

B. Truth has the power to guide and ennoble our worship (Jn. 4:24)

1. Can we say that about error?
2. Vain worship (Matt. 15:9).

C. Truth has the power when obeyed, to bring about the new birth, to new life in God. (John 3:1-4; Jas. 1:18).**D. Truth has the power to sanctify the life of God’s people. (Jn. 17:17).**

CONCLUSION

A. YES....but how about all the good, sincere and honest individuals.**B. Sincerity, zeal, and kindness are all NECESSARY to salvation, BUT they are not SUFFICIENT by themselves. (Note Paul and others).****C. A person can be honestly wrong....But when he finds, learns, the truth, HE CANNOT REMAIN BOTH HONEST AND WRONG.....**

D. Don’t accuse or condemn God OBEY HIM
