

Learn to Love the Truth

John 8:31-32

INTRODUCTION:

This past Sunday I ended with this particular verse in regard to the truth will set you free, but free to what? The truth sets us free to do what we “ought” to do not what we “want” to do because remember I hearts are desperately evil.

Jeremiah 17:9-10

⁹“The human heart is the most deceitful of all things,
and desperately wicked.

Who really knows how bad it is?

¹⁰ But I, the LORD, search all hearts
and examine secret motives. ¹

If we are free to do what we “want”, as many in our culture believe that is what freedom really is, then it makes complete sense why our culture, society, and world grows more evil by the day according to what the Lord tells us in Jeremiah. Many feel it is right to “follow our hearts” but Scripture tells us plainly you better not, instead you better follow the Lord.

So, what is the importance of truth? And what is it? Pontius Pilate as the this famous question at the trial of Jesus. Listen...

John 18:33-38

³³ Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him.

³⁴ Jesus replied, “Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate retorted. “Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?”

³⁶ Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

³⁷ Pilate said, “So you are a king?”

¹ Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#) (Je 17:9–10). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”³⁸ “What is truth?” Pilate asked.²

TEXT:

John 8:31-32

³¹ Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. ³² And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”³

I. Truth Reveals God

Augustine

Where I found truth, there found I my God, who is the truth itself.

John 14:6

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except by Me.

Watchman Nee

When a truth is unfolded by God it most naturally becomes a power in man, who then finds himself able to believe.

II. Truth Reveals the Reality God Created

Truth is a fact that has been verified; conformity to reality or actuality

C.S. Lewis

Truth is always about something, but reality is that about which truth is.

² Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#) (Jn 18:33–38). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

³ Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [Holy Bible: New Living Translation](#) (Jn 8:31–32). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

III. Truth Reveals Authority and Morality

“The truth will set you free, but first it will “hack” you off.”

— Joe Klaas, Twelve Steps to Happiness

Here are some things “Christians” in our day debate when really there is no debate to be had because Scripture is clear:

1. *Marriage* – marriage according to God’s design is between a man and a woman.
2. *Gender* – our gender is given us at birth identified by biology.
3. *Sexuality* – Sex should only be between a man and a woman in the context of marriage.
4. *Abortion* – at conception there is the potential of an Image-Bearer being fostered in its mother’s womb, and at that point there is a body within a body.

Francis Chan

Something is wrong when our lives make sense to unbelievers

Peter Marshall

Lord, where we are wrong, make us willing to change; where we are right, make us easy to live with.

1 John 1:5-10

⁵This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. ⁶So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. ⁷But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

⁸If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts. ⁴

Watchman Nee

To secure one's freedom the Christian must experience God's light which is God's truth.

IV. Truth Reveals Freedom

John 8:36

So, if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.⁵

CONCLUSION:

Warren Wiersbe

Truth without love is brutality, and love without truth is hypocrisy.

St. Thomas Aquinas

Better to illuminate than merely to shine, to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate.

⁴ Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [*Holy Bible: New Living Translation*](#) (1 Jn 1:5–10). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.

⁵ Tyndale House Publishers. (2015). [*Holy Bible: New Living Translation*](#) (Jn 8:36). Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers.