

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; ... **Hebrews 13:8-9**

Store In My Heart John 3:19

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

Though just a few statements above this one we find a very popular verse, we do not often hear this statement from Jesus quoted. One of the main problems in helping others find Christ is stated by the Lord himself in this verse. Many are not willing to come to Christ because that would reveal their thoughts and actions for the wickedness they really are. Even many who have come to Christ are uncomfortable in the revealing light of His Word and, though they make a show of drawing near at times, they spend most of their time and efforts away from His Light. Unless we leave behind the things of this world, we will always be uncomfortable in the Light of Christ. Let His Light guide you in faithful service.



Truth In Our Age

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We live in an age of religious and moral confusion. Morality is in a state of serious degeneration. And instead of being concerned about that degeneracy, society is puffed up with pride about its broad-mindedness, even while it pompously declares its toleration as moral progress. Religion, rather than fighting back against this moral retrogression, has decided to join the broad-mindedness and give in to society's tolerations. Even today's worship is, in most churches, merely a religious adaptation of the immoral actions of the masses.

Thus our nation continues on a course that seems to bring about its own self-destruction. And sadly, it is doing so with impunity and a sense of smug self-satisfaction. Having become devoid of any ethical principles, it descends further and further into a quagmire of moral insanity and empty religion.

This solution to this situation is difficult, mostly on account of the subjective spin that has been put on truth. Truth is what you make it in this society. There is no such thing as an objective standard for morality, only a wisp of a moral code that really says little about what is actually right or wrong. If I think a thing to be right, it's right, even if it's wrong for you. If I think a thing to be wrong, it's wrong for me, even if it seems right to you. It's a moral maze. The conscience is confused because it has lost any sense of direction. And so man wanders about in moral aimlessness. Nobody knows which way to go, even though everyone goes around acting like he does.

Truth is delineated in the Bible as a reliable, understandable way for determining a proper course of action. "*I am the way, the truth and the life*" (**John 14:6**) is much more than a statement of the Savior's provisions, it's a statement of the reality of truth, one that can be acted upon to determine a course of action, one that results

in both moral purity in the present and everlasting life in the hereafter. Jesus is here affirmed as the true and living way.

The Scriptures are affirmed to be what is needed for doctrine, reproof, correction, and for instruction in moral purity in **2Timothy 3:16-17**. As such, they offer discernable, definitive information for determining which way to go and way. They have no room for subjective interpretation, only a detectable, reliable method for living life. They not only define the course we should follow, but warn of what happens if we don't.

Bible truth is both definitive and functional, make no mistake about it. Jesus says, "*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*" (**John 8:32**). Freedom from sin is what Jesus is all about. Forgiveness is what His truth is all about. Admittedly, we live in a world that is unaware of its bondage. But ignorance of its present condition doesn't make it acceptable; it only makes the need for preaching the gospel more urgent.

There is a need for revival in this country, a need for a standard that directs, a need for a truth that is the same for all men. There is a need for a return to the Bible. And that will not be done on a national basis, but one person at a time. It is unclear whether or not the tide of immorality can be turned, but it is certain that persons can know and obey the truth; and it is certain that these same persons can recommend that truth to those who come under their influence. Furthermore, their influence can have effect, and might well turn the tide.

But we cannot plant the seed when it's in the barn. There needs to be a revitalization of our evangelistic fervor. We need to see what is the real need in our own backyard.

The process for such an endeavor is assigned and illustrated in **2Timothy 2:2**. "*The things thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou unto faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.*" It's a one-at-a-time thing. It starts with one and multiplies. No big programs are needed -- only a love for the souls of men. No big evangelists are necessary -- only a love for the souls of men. No gimmicks are needed to draw them in. The gospel will do that. If we'll let it.

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For Our Information

Jim Soliday has an appointment with the ablation doctor.

Vickie McNees has another migraine med that seems to help.

Stanley Hurst has knee replacement surgery in September.

Deborah Brooke's son, **Michael** is still in ICU Houston. They were able to close him from surgery last week.

Amy Simpson's Dad got a good report from his heart cath.

Leta Rivera still has shortness of breath & dizziness.

Sunday Evening – **Isaiah 25:9** Wednesday – **3John**

Gospel Meeting - Zach Redmon - September 28 - October 2

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10:20 AM • Sunday Worship Service
5:00 PM • Sunday Night Bible Study
7:00 PM • Wednesday Bible Study