What Is Truth?

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John 18:37-38, "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all."

Pilate asked this question of Jesus during His trial. Perhaps Pilate was being sarcastic as he said this. In this situation he, Pilate, was the judge and was supposed to be seeking the truth as to the guilt, or innocence, of the accused. Ultimately he was more concerned with keeping the peace and avoiding a riot than with the truth. Knowing that Jesus was innocent he let the Jews have their way and let him be crucified.

Today there are many like minded people who think like Pilate. They hate to think that there are any absolute truths and they question everything. If we were to pick and choose what we believe to be true by whether we

liked it or not would be a foolish thing to do. Truth is truth whether we believe it or not. Believe the truth and be saved, or believe something which sounds good but is false, and be lost.

Someone once said, "There are more people who would be destroyed by flattery, rather than saved by criticism." Flattery sounds more like what we want to hear and is desired to make us feel good about ourselves. Criticism is painful to hear as it tells us that all is not well and that changes need to be made. Which one is the truth? It is very important that we know the truth when we hear it and that we also know the falsehood when exposed to it.

Jesus gave us the counsel of God and it is the truth. However men, by Satan's leading, has rejected much of what he said. Some has been left out altogether, and some has been changed to suite the desires of man. Everything, from the plan of salvation to living for the Lord, has been changed by many people through the years. I have even heard a "preacher" on the radio describe a very wicked lifestyle and go on to say that the one who lived that way would be brought on home to heaven by the Lord. Even though that man, and many others, said that evil person would go to heaven did not mean that he would go. Jesus was quite plain when he said, "You must

be born again," in **John 3:7**. That is truth and not some man's twisted version of it.

Someone said, I believe in WW2 Germany, "A lie told often enough becomes the truth." That was wrong then and it will always be wrong. If people believe a lie because it sounds good, it is still a lie. Some say that a person doesn't have to be baptized for the remission of sins. Is that true? Well if that is true then the bible is wrong and the early church and the apostles taught a false doctrine. There are so many scriptures that plainly show that we are to obey all of the gospel and baptism is a part of the plan of salvation. I'm not going to try to mention all of them here but a couple of them are Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16.

Baptism is not the only thing that some change. There is also the doctrine of attending worship services. Some think that they can live apart from the body of Christ. They don't support the church in any way, but feel that they are saved and pleasing to God. If all believers felt and acted that way what kind of witness would there be for the Lord? There are those who have said, "I'll not be there, but I'll be with you in spirit." **James 2:26**, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." Keep your spirit with your body – separated they don't do any good for man, or God.

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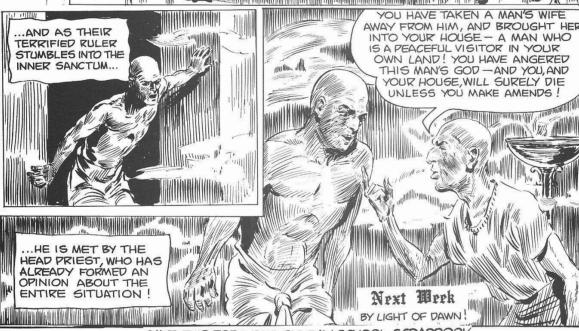


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