

The Truth

*“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall
make you free.” ~John 8:32*

I. All can obtain the truth.

- A. The truth is not hidden from any man.
- B. “What is truth?” was the question of Pilate (John 18:38). This question is being asked by many today.
 - 1. Many believe that truth is in the eye of the beholder.
 - 2. Others are certain that truth cannot be known (see 2 Timothy 3:10).
 - 3. Jesus answers this age old question in John 17:17 (see also Romans 3:4). Jesus is the truth (John 14:6).
- C. It pleases the people of God to see others walk in the truth (3 John 4). Love rejoices in truth (1 Corinthians 13:6). The church is the pillar and ground of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).

II. Few will obey the truth.

- A. The truth is hard to bare.
 - 1. It can make enemies (Galatians 4:15). How can telling the truth make enemies?
 - a. The world says, “If it feels good, do it!”
 - b. Many in the church say, “I don’t see anything wrong with it!”
 - 2. Some of Jesus’ follower turned away (John 6:60-68).
 - 3. Though Jesus told the truth, some just did not believe it (John 8:45, 46). There are some like this today.
- B. Many do not know the truth (but see Colossians 1:23). Others wait for the convenient season to obey the truth (Acts 24:25).

III. Many will object to the truth.

- A. Those who say there is no God will object to Genesis 1:1.
- B. Those who believe we direct our own steps will object to Jeremiah 10:23.
- C. Those who emphasize form over true faithfulness will object to 2 Timothy 3:5.
- D. Those who rest in humanism will object to 2 Timothy 3:7.
- E. Those who wish to embrace the liberal agenda will object to 2 Timothy 2:13.
- F. Those who want to be saved without baptism will object to Mark 16:16.
- G. Those who want be like the denominations will object to Matthew 16:13-18.

IV. Others will obstruct the truth.

- A. The devil was the first to obstruct the truth (Genesis 3:4), and he is the father of all who do so (John 8:44).
- B. Some preached the truth of the Gospel out of envy and strife (Philippians 1:15).
 - 1. These must have been the Judaizing teachers, who insisted on the necessity of connecting the Mosaic rites with the Christian institutions; and, probably, denounced Paul to the Jews dwelling at Rome as not only an enemy to the law and the prophets, but also as a very imperfect Christian, because he declared strongly against the doctrine of circumcision, etc.; and no doubt endeavored to prejudice him with the heathen Romans (Clarke).
 - 2. It would seem, however, that even in Rome there was a party which was jealous of the influence of Paul, and which supposed that this was a good opportunity to diminish his influence, and to strengthen their own cause (Barnes).
- C. Some preached Christ to add afflictions to Paul (Philippians 1:16). Some are guilty of the same today. Consider Ephesians 4:15.
- D. Those who obstruct the truth endanger souls (Galatians 3:1 & 5:7). Paul paints a sad picture in 1 Timothy 1:20.

V. All will observe the truth.

- A. The final day will be a day of observation.
 - 1. Jesus will come (2 Peter 3:9-11).
 - 2. Judgment will commence (John 12:48).
 - 3. Justice will be the conclusion.
- B. Every eye shall see (Revelation 1:7).