

The Normal Christian Life - Loyal To The Truth

John 17:17-19 [New King James] *“Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.”*

God’s Word as recorded in the Christian Bible is the truth, that sets apart [sanctifies] as a true Christian.

Jesus Christ introduces Himself as the truth [**John 14:6**] so all that is recorded about Him is also the truth.

The Holy Spirit, the “*Spirit of Truth*” is available to all who submit to God’s way of life, [**John 14:15-18**] is the Spirit of Christ, [**Romans 8:9**] each being one Person in the one Triune God, [**Matthew 28:19; John 15:26; 1 Peter 3:7**].

[Please download and study the articles listed under the main heading ‘*Trinity Of God*’ to understand the truth of God’s being.]

The very opposite to the truth is Satan who is constantly seeking to direct us away from the truth.

John 8:43-45 [New King James] *“Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me.”*

Satan personally and a host of humans who are influenced by him seek to lead us away from the truth as recorded in God’s Word, the Christian Bible.

2 Corinthians 11:2-4, 13-15 [New King James] *“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it!” ... “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

There are many false preachers in this world who are under the influence of Satan, [**2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 1 John 5:19**].

We must constantly resist Satan and his ministers who are **not** preaching the truth as found in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, [**James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9**].

We must never seek to bend the truth to our own purpose, but must always bow to it.

As human beings we are all prone to ignore the Truth when it clashes with our personal interests, swift to waive our convictions in order to save ourselves from an awkward situation.

One such awkward situation in my personal life was when I was shown that the Sabbath was the true day for us to set aside to worship the Eternal Creator God, not the “day of the sun god,” Sunday.

[Please download and study the articles on this website, ‘*What Day Is God’s Sabbath Day?*’ and ‘*The Sabbath To Sunday Change*’ listed under the main heading ‘*Covenants*’.]

We must learn to regard God’s Word dispassionately, whether its acceptance is to our advantage or disadvantage.

If we only saw the very nature of the Eternal Creator God, His purity perfection, righteousness and supreme power, we would not obscure the glory of God’s Word by dragging ourselves into view, this would save us from presumptuous sins, [Psalms 19:12-13].

The Truth of God is absolute, it is not the fact that this person or this other person supports the Truth that makes it so, it is inherently so, yet there is a tendency for humans to fix their gaze on other humans and to conclude that if someone we think spiritual goes a certain way, that must be the right way.

The question is not one of human reaction to the Truth, but of the Truth itself as the God of all Truth has had recorded in His Word, the Christian Bible.

The numerous divisions in the church, that claims to be Christian, would be eliminated if only the personal preferences of its members could be eliminated and the truth, as recorded in God’s Word, the Christian Bible, guided by the Holy Spirit, [John 16:13] accepted irrespective of its effect on each member personally.

Of course, we claim to never entertain the thought of abandoning the Truth, but we allow a slight deviation and there, which gradually causes the Truth and its impact upon us to lessen until it ceases.

The result is that we lose our sense of direction in life and drift hither and thither.

If people treat us well we walk in the way of the Lord as shown in His Word; if people treat us ill we seek another way and call it the “*truth*.”

How self-important are we! Do we occupy the place the truth should occupy, making ourselves the pivot of the universe in which we exist, making everything to hinge on its relationship to us?

It is the Truth that matters in this world, not its effect on puny creatures like you and me.

The Truth is ultimate and must govern all our associations and all our judgements in life.

The Truth is far too great and powerful to need our manipulation of it. We can well trust its inherent authority to make its own impact.

Our part is in humility of heart and mind to take our right place in relation to the Truth.

John 8:31-32, 36 [New King James] “*Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.’” ... “Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”*

Jesus Christ as the Truth sets us free in several ways.

Free from the consequences of sin.

Free from self-deception.

Free from the deception of Satan and his ministers.

Shows us clearly the way to eternal life, thus making us free from the fear of death.

Jesus Christ did not give us freedom to do what we want but a freedom to follow our Almighty Creator God.

As we seek to serve the Eternal God, Jesus' perfect truth frees us to be all that God desires that all humans will become, His created children with the same character, [*"likeness"* – Genesis 1:26] as He has.

The "*fruit*" of an active Holy Spirit in our lives, [Galatians 5:22-25].