

Trading Truth - cont.

Ephesians 4:4-6; 5:11-12; 2 John 9-11).

Fifth, truth is restraining; it does not allow all kinds of immoral behavior (1 Corinthians 6:9; Galatians 5:21; Titus 1:1).

Sixth, truth is condemning; it does not condone all behaviors in life that mankind wants to have (John 3:18-21; Hebrews 11:7). Some say, "Preach the truth and leave others alone..." This is impossible!

Seventh, truth has a negative side that rebukes sinful behavior; it is not always positive (Psalm 119:128; 2 Timothy 4:2; Titus 2:11-12).

Lastly, truth has a high price of commitment; it is not cheap and without dedication (Proverbs 23:23; Matthew 16:24).

Friend, never exchange the truth of God's word for a lie. Many who don't want the truth are blinded by the Devil (2 Corinthians 4:2-4). Instead, let us always stand up for truth (Galatians 2:5,14; 4:16; 1 Timothy 3:15) and let us always walk in truth (3 John 4).

- Chris Reeves -

Word of the Week

- Almighty -

"Almighty" (Gr. *pantokrator*), means literally, "all-controller". God is "Almighty" (Rev. 1:8; 4:8; 11:17; etc.) because he controls of all things in life, both good and bad. Remember that the next time you are unsure or bothered about the things of this life. God controls all ... believe it and live it!

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Trading Truth For Lies

Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

- Romans 1:24-25 -

In discussing the wicked Gentile world of his day, the Apostle Paul wrote that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie. They willfully chose to believe a lie instead of the truth about God. This was a bad trade for them and it led them into sin!

Additionally, Paul wrote the following in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12,

and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God sends them a working of error, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

The sober fact of the matter is that many people, in Paul's day and today, just don't want the truth of

God's word; they would rather believe a lie. What is your attitude toward truth and will you make the same bad trade?

Please, No More Truth!

Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). This a great question. Let's consider the answer from God's word and some characteristics of truth.

Truth is what is real, genuine, and factual. Truth is what is found in the gospel (Ephesians 1:13; Colossians 1:5).

Many do not want the truth because they would rather follow lies and continue living in their comfortable, sinful lifestyles. Like Eve who believed the lie of the Devil (Genesis 3:4), they exchange the truth for a lie that is told by the Devil through the false ideas of man (Romans 1:18,25; 2:8; 2 Timothy 3:7-8).

Others come to the truth, but leave the truth after they come to it for other teachings that are more attractive to them. Some early Christians left the truth of the gospel for false teaching and Paul and others tried to call them back to the truth (Galatians 5:7-9; 2 Timothy 2:18; 4:3-4; Titus 1:14; James 5:19).

Have you ever wondered why so many people today do not want the truth of God's word in their life? Why do many people stumble over the truth (1 Peter 2:7-8) and why do many not love truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12)? When we examine the nature of truth, we will understand why many people don't want it.

Truth Is...

First, truth is objective - from God; not subjective - from man (John 8:40-47; 16:13-15; 17:17; 18:37; 1 John 5:7).

Second, truth is fixed; not relative and always changing (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Psalm 119:89; Proverbs 30:5-6; 1 Timothy 1:3; 1 Peter 1:25; Jude 3; Revelation 21:18-21).

Third, truth is narrow; not broad, including all kinds of man-made ideas (Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:24).

Fourth, truth is exclusive and focused on Jesus only; not pluralistic, including all world religions (Matthew 12:30; John 11:25; 14:6; 15:5; Acts 4:12; 2 Corinthians 11:3-4; Galatians 1:6-9; - continued