

“WHAT IS TRUTH?”

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Jesus was standing before Pilate, for His very life. Pilate asked him a question. “Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then? Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born,... that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” {John 18:37}

“Pilate therefore said to Him, what is truth? ...” {John 18:38} Pilate had asked a very important question. Jesus plainly stated that everyone who was “**of the truth**” hears His voice. Today, many seek answers to that same question in spiritual matters. I believe the answer given to the first question, concerning His being king, answers this vital question of truth! Let me show you how.

One may ask us today, can faith alone save me? Many people of religion today would answer in the affirmative. Yet, is **THIS TRUTH?** “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” {James 2:26} The TRUTH says it cannot save by itself. Some will quibble over this and say such an answer proves one is seeking to “earn” salvation. Truth is, nothing could be farther from the truth. “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’” {Luke 17:10}

Another may seek an answer to this question; **must I be baptized to be saved?** Some would say yes, others no. “An outward display of inward grace.” “Not necessary, but you would because it is a good work.” Does any of these answers agree with the TRUTH? “He who believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” {Mark 16:16} “ ... unless one is born of the water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” {John 3:5} The TRUTH says baptism is essential for one's salvation. Some quibble here to tell us if one believes he must do anything – it negates God's grace. Really? Please read the following passages, Ephesians 2:8-10. Baptism is an expression of God's grace placing one in contact with the blood of Christ, Colossians 2:11-13 – Read the truth about the matter. Don't take my word on it.

We could go on, but do you see my point? Any questions I may have concerning any spiritual matter, is in the Bible! “Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.” {John.17:17} Truth can only come from one source-GOD! “ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” {Hebrews 1:1-3}

Jesus correctly had instructed Pilate that any who desired truth, would hear His voice. If one rejects “**hearing the Lord**”, they have also rejected truth! “For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of

God." {1 Corinthians 2:11} If I want truth, who will I turn my attention towards. God or men? Please read Jeremiah 10:23.

So if your friend, neighbor, or loved one ever asks the question, "**What is truth?**" In what direction would you send them? What book would you give them to read? What "words of wisdom" would you pass on? Personally speaking, the only answer: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." {John 6:63}" The truth can be found if one really wants to know what that truth is. Just open the book! ***