



THE EFFORT OF REAL FAITH

Ephesians 4:20-24

1. _____ the Truth

Real faith begins with real truth. It is of no value to adhere to a faith that is anchored to false assumptions, half-truths and lies.

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ~ John 1:17

2. _____ the Truth

Having come to the truth of Christ Jesus, there is no other direction now but to leave behind the old self—to put it off and cast it away. True redemption has at its headwaters a real repentance.

We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ~ Romans 6:6

3. _____ the Truth

The Lord, by His work in you, will transform the very elemental thinking of your life. Your mind will be renewed in Christ so that your way of thinking will emulate His.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ~ Romans 12:2

4. _____ the Truth

There is a quality of Christ-like character that becomes the life of the Christian. The imputed righteousness of Christ becomes the experiential righteousness of the believer.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ~ Galatians 2:20

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, HE IS A NEW CREATION. THE OLD HAS PASSED AWAY; BEHOLD, THE NEW HAS COME.



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Additional Scripture References

(And Rabbit Trails Discussion)

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Psalm 86:11

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

Isaiah 45:19

I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Mark 10:22

Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Luke 9:23

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

Romans 7:25

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

1 Corinthians 2:16

"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

Philippians 2:5

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:4

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Colossians 3:10

...and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.