

Lesson Two

The Truth about God

John 8:31-32 King James Version (KJV)

³¹Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

³²And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

I. Review

- A. The nature of the enemy - lies and deceit
- B. The nature of God - Truth
- C. The nature of the Word of God - The Word is Truth

John 17:14-19 KJV ¹⁴I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. ¹⁸As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Two Lessons from John 17:14-19

1. The Word of God is TRUE
2. The Word of God SANCTIFIES
 - a. *Sanctify -To make holy; set apart as sacred; consecrate;To set apart for God's use and purpose*

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

Truth is the Key

1. Truth is the key to possessing our inheritance in Christ
 - a. The Truth you know makes you free
 - b. To the degree that you are weak in truth, you will be conformed to this world and will not inherit your blessings
 - c. You can't be in faith unless you are in truth.

2. We need to understand the _____ -
 - a. Truth about God
 - b. Truth about ourselves
 - c. Truth about the enemy
 - d. Truth about authority
 - e. Truth about faith
 - f. Truth about righteousness
 - g. Truth about grace
 - h. Truth about our inheritance

Wherever there is a lack of truth – there is a lack of blessing!

II. THE Truth about God

- A. It is possible to have a wrong perception of God

John 8:12-19 NLT

¹² Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

¹³ The Pharisees replied, “You are making those claims about yourself! Such testimony is not valid.”

¹⁴ Jesus told them, “These claims are valid even though I make them about myself. For I know where I came from and where I am going, but you don’t know this about me. ¹⁵ You judge me by human standards, but

I do not judge anyone. ¹⁶ And if I did, my judgment would be correct in every respect because I am not alone. The Father^[a] who sent me is with me. ¹⁷ Your own law says that if two people agree about something, their witness is accepted as fact.^[b] ¹⁸ I am one witness, and my Father who sent me is the other.”

¹⁹ “Where is your father?” they asked.

Jesus answered, “Since you don’t know who I am, you don’t know who my Father is. If you knew me, you would also know my Father.”

- **Jesus made this statement to one of the most religious groups in all of Israel**
- **The Pharisees were legalistic – experts at rule keeping!**
- **Don’t be as the Pharisees -**
- **Luke 12 - Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees**

Matthew 5:20 ²⁰*For I tell you that unless **your righteousness** surpasses that of the **Pharisees** and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*

IT IS POSSIBLE TO KNOW SOME THINGS ABOUT GOD AND STILL NOT KNOW GOD!

Matthew 7:21-23 ²¹Not every one that saith unto me, LORD, LORD, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. ²²Many will say to me in that day, LORD, LORD, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

B. The effects of tradition

Mark 7:6-9 ⁶He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. ⁷Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. ⁸For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. ⁹And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

¹³Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

TRADITION – instruction that has been passed down
specifically human ideas vs God's Word

**TRADITION CAN CHOKE THE WORD (TRUTH) OF GOD OUT OF
YOUR LIFE RENDERING IT INEFFECTIVE**

- C. We must allow the Word of God to be Truth to us
1. We must esteem the Word of God above all other words
 2. We must be intentional about this
 3. We must know what the Word says
 4. We must accept what the Word says
 5. We should be eager to receive truth vs religious ideas
 6. Study the word
 7. Don't be hasty to receive every form of teaching/doctrine