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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 12, 2021

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS

Jesus Christ said, "even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true (John 8:14)." The importance of believing the true testimony regarding the nature and identity of Jesus Christ is emphasized in the same context. Jesus said, "if you do not believe that I am, you will die in your sins (John 8:24)." From this we conclude that knowing, believing, and acknowledging the truth are important factors in the salvation of souls. On the same occasion, Jesus explained, if you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free (John 8:31-32)." The truth that enables one to be a disciple of Jesus is firm, absolute, concrete, knowable, and it is that which makes us free from sin.

Jesus engaged the Pharisees in a discussion about who their true father was. They wanted to claim Abraham as their father; but Jesus pointed out their true father was the devil (John 8:44), Jesus made this accusation because the devil "was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is not truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me (John 8:44,45)." That which is false is the opposite of truth. That which is the opposite of what is true is a lie. Jesus spoke the truth, and therefore all who contradict His teaching are speaking lies. Those who speak lies are disciples of the devil for Satan is the source of lies. He is the source of all that is false. On the other hand, Jesus Christ is the embodiment of truth (John 1:14), and therefore the source of truth (John 14:6). Those whose teaching is consistent with the revelation of Jesus Christ in the New Covenant are teaching the pure Gospel message that has the power to save souls (Romans 1:14-17). Those who contradict Biblical truth as revealed by God through Jesus Christ are false teachers. They are liars. They are of the devil. To be sure, not all false teachers/prophets are so careless as to deliberately follow the lies of the devil.

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Many genuinely confused and deceived. However, their confusion or deception does not change the nature of truth, nor does it change what is true. Truth is that which accords with reality.

In order to determine the truth of a matter we must collect all the relevant data, or in some cases, as much data as is accessible. The data must be carefully and honestly examined in an organized fashion before any conclusions are drawn from the data. In drawing conclusions we should only draw such conclusions as are warranted by the evidence. Once the conclusion has been drawn it should be subject to testing. The method of determining truth as just described is consistent with the correspondence theory of truth. That is, truth corresponds with reality. This method of determining truth is also consistent with the way logic and language are used in communicating truth. The Bible is God's communication of truth to man. Applying a false system of thought, or maintaining an incorrect view of truth may prevent one from understanding the meaning of the text. Those who interpret the Bible in any way that suits their own personal feelings and thoughts indicate a failure to understand, or at least to apply, the correct view of truth.

As we study the Bible we are looking at statements that are true. While the Bible contains a record of some of the lies told by individuals, the record of that lie is a truthful and logical statement concerning an historical fact. All recorded statements of God in the Bible are factual records of statements He actually made, and all of His statements are statements of truth. The Gospel record given to us by John the apostle reveals much to us regarding the nature of truth. John shows us truth can be confidently and clearly stated (John 1:1-6), and the truth concerning eternal life is from Jesus and is absolute (John 6:66-69). Truth can be known (John 8:32) and while God is the source of truth (John 8:40), Jesus is the embodiment of truth (John 14:6). John taught us, the word of God is truth (John 17:17), and the Holy Spirit revealed all truth to the apostles (John 14:15-18); 15:26-27; 16:6-15).

To follow Jesus is to follow the truth. To teach what Jesus gave to the inspired writers of the first century is to teach the truth. Those who disagree with Jesus are wrong. Those who teach something contrary to the Scriptures are liars.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

Dec. 13 - Rev. 4
Dec. 14 - Rev. 5
Dec. 15 - Rev. 6
Dec. 16 - Rev. 7



Dec. 17 - Rev. 8
Dec. 18 - Rev. 9
Dec. 19 - Rev. 10

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Carolyn Plunk, Stephen Williams' Wife, Jack Piper, Bud Strickland, Dennis McBrayer, Terrie & Melanie Williams. Annie Burns and Lori Spencer, Lauren's friend - Sandy, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, Francis McBrayer, Jeff Chrysson, Diane Barger, D. J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Gene Ruark will be having shoulder surgery on the 17th of December. Prayers are requested.

Nikki Santiago is taking chemotherapy and is having a difficult time dealing with being very tired from it. Please keep her in your prayers.

Karen Martin Moore's husband, **Chuck**, was admitted to the Davie Baptist Hospital on Dec. 2nd with Covid. He was going to be transferred possibly to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. The girls are doing okay, Karen is fatigued. Please pray for them.

We are saddened to learn that **Jeff Chrysson's** cancer has returned recently, Please pray for him. His address is 5930 La Sierra Dr., Pfafftown, NC 27040.

Karen Martin Moore's uncle Rufus McGuire has passed away recently. He was Ernestine's brother-in-law. They are members at the North Wilkesboro church of Christ. Our sympathy goes out to the family. Please pray for them.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*We were sadden to learn that **Kim Matthews** had passed away on December 1, 2021. Kim was a member of Warners Chapel until her illness had kept her from attending.*

There will be a potluck lunch and memorial today in the Annex following the church services this morning. in behalf of Kim. Our sympathy goes out to Kim's family.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Mindy Santiago's father, **Jim Furches**, passed away this past Wednesday morning, on December 8th. Our sympathy is extended to the families of Mr. Furches. Due to the covid situation, they will have a private service, family only. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to: Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care, 243 North Lee Ave., Yadkinville, NC 27055. Our sympathy goes out to all the family.*

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

What Did God's inspired writers say about loving one another?

John 13:34 - A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love one another**; as I have loved you, that ye also **love one another**.

John 15:12 - This is my commandment, that ye **love one another**, as I have loved you.

John 15:17 - These things I command you, that ye **love one another**.

Romans 13:8 - Owe no man any thing, but to **love one another**: for he that loveth **another** hath fulfilled the law.

1 Th 4:9 - But as touching brotherly **love** ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to **love one another**.

1 Peter 1:22 - Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned **love** of the brethren, [see that ye] **love one another** with a pure heart fervently:

1 John 3:11 - For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should **love one another**.

1 John 3:23 - and this is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, as he gave us commandment.

1 John 4:7 - Beloved, let us **love one another**: for **love** is of God; and every **one** that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:11 - Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to **love one another**.

1 John 4:12 - No man hath seen God at any time. If we **love one another**, God dwelleth in us, and his **love** is perfected in us.

2 John 1:5 - And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which had from the beginning, that we **love one another**.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

DECEMBER, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER: MIKE GLENN

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Dec. 5 - Rodney Brown
Dec. 12 - Mark Minor
Dec. 19 - Gene Ruark
Dec. 26 - Al Lawson

SONG LEADER

Wayne Allen
Steve Tesh
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Kevin Rutherford
Mike Glenn
Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Dec. 5 - Allen Knight
Dec. 12 - Wayne Allen
Dec. 19 - Brian Byrd
Dec. 26 - Nathan Roy

SUNDAY P.M.

Dec. 5 - Bob Tesh
Dec. 12 - Justin Little
Dec. 19 - Carl Cooper
Dec. 26 - Clayton Workman

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 1 - D.C. Mock
Dec. 8 - Rodney Brown
Dec. 15 - Charley Belch
Dec. 22 - David Shoaf
Dec. 29 - Mike Lundgren

SECURITY AND GREETING: ED O'SHIELDS AND RICHARD HAMANN

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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“GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE” at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8
SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner