

Lifting Up The STANDARD

“When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).

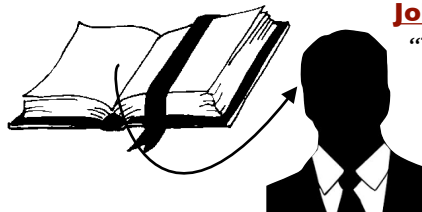


Challenging And Encouraging God's Remnant To Remain Faithful

“The Knowledge of the Truth”

“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”
(First Timothy 2:4).

The word “knowledge” is in the Bible 172 times. The word “truth” occurs 235 times. The Bible says it is God’s desire that all would, “be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”



An Accumulation of Information

Knowledge is simply an accumulation of information; however, the attaining of knowledge requires studying to show ourselves approved unto God.

Proverbs 2:1-9,

- 1 My son, **if** thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;
- 3 Yea, **if** thou criest after **knowledge**, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- 4 **If** thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures;
- 5 **Then** shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the **knowledge** of God.
- 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh **knowledge** and understanding.
- 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
- 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints.
- 9 **Then** shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity; yea, every good path.
- 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and **knowledge** is pleasant unto thy soul;

The Truth Is Available To All

First Timothy 2:3,

“Who will have **all men** to be saved, and to come unto the **knowledge** of the **truth**.”

John 8:32,

“Ye shall know the truth.”

John 16:13,

“The Spirit of truth...will guide you into **all truth**.”

The Attaining of Truth Is Conditional

Proverbs 2:1-9,

“If”

- “Receive my words” (V.1).
- “Hide my commandments with thee” (V.1).
- “Incline thine ear unto wisdom” (V.2).
- “Apply thine heart to understanding” (V.2).
- “Criest after knowledge” (V.3)
- “Liftest up thy voice for understanding” (V.3)
- “Seekest her (understanding) as silver” (V.4).
- “Searchest for her as for hid treasure” (V.4)

“Then”

- “Understand. (V.5)
- “Find knowledge.” (V.5)
- “Understand righteousness” (V.9).
- “Understand judgment” (V.9).
- “Understand equity” (V.9).
- “Understand every good path” (V.9).

“When”

- “Wisdom entereth into thine heart...” (V.10).
- “Knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul.” (V.10).

The Attaining of Truth Is Costly

Proverbs 23:23,

“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

Truth is more costly than any amount of money we might come up with. Isaiah 55:1 says we are to **“come buy...without money and without price.”**

Counting The Cost

In Luke 14, Jesus commanded His followers to count the cost. He said, *“Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.”*

When Jesus preached the truth unsaved people wanted to kill Him.

John 8:40,

“But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth.”

When Paul preached the truth Christians considered him to be an enemy.

Galatians 4:16,

“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?”

An enemy is *“a person who is actively opposed to someone.”* It is one thing when the self-righteous hypocrite Pharisees opposed those who preached the truth; however, we are told in the last days that even Christians will oppose the truth.

Second Timothy 4:4,

“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

It is not by chance that the next verse says the Christian who will stand for the truth will need to prepare to **“endure afflictions.”** Christians who do not *“resist the truth”* (Second Timothy 3:8) will become the enemy of those who do *“resist the truth.”*

Selling The Truth Is Costly

Proverbs 23:23,

“Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

When we sell the truth we sell *“wisdom, and instruction, and understanding”* with it. Solomon was the wisest man on the earth; however, he decided to sell the truth for the pleasures of the world and he said...

Ecclesiastes 2:16,

“And how dieth the wise man? as the fool.”

When Solomon sold the truth he sold his *“wisdom, instruction, and understanding”* with it. **Herein lies the main reason why we have so little discernment in our so-called fundamental movement.** Solomon lost *“wisdom, instruction, and understanding”* when he sold the truth, and so have we. Selling the truth is costly.

Two Major Truths Sold By Fundamentalists of Today

In recent days we have sold the truth concerning **separation**, and even the truth about the doctrine of **salvation**.

Concerning separation we have chosen unity at the expense of truth. Concerning salvation we have dropped the fact that repentance is necessary for salvation, because preaching repentance will offend people and we can't get a crowd by offending people.

And so, we fill our buildings with unsaved people who think they are going to Heaven because they prayed a little forgiveness prayer. Strange isn't it, that we don't believe that saves Catholics; however, if we call ourselves fundamental Baptists it's okay?

Why No Outcry About Selling The Doctrine of Separation And Salvation?

The reason there is no outcry about this, is because **unity with our friends** has become more important than being true to the Lord.

We are living in the last days. Jesus said, **“When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”** (Luke 18:8). Paul said, **“They shall turn away their ears from the truth”** (Second Timothy 4:4).

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