

Week 24 - Applying the Word to Our Daily Lives

Friday

Scripture Reading: Eph. 4:17-28

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:1-5,14)

WALKING IN TRUTH

God is the source of light, and His light comes to us as truth. In his gospel, John says, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). Jesus manifested truth among men, who, having been created after the image and likeness of truth, did not have truth as their content and substance.

Truth is immutable, constant and unshakable. Hence, Hebrews 12:28 tells us about an unshakable kingdom. Everything that can be shaken in your life, will be shaken by God. Sometimes, we experience difficult situations and do not understand why. God shakes what has no substance, so that only what is real may remain: truth. He is using our time in the church life to remove everything that is false, all that is vanity.

“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind” (Eph. 4:17). While the natural man walks according to his vain thoughts, God’s children cannot walk like the Gentiles. What is occupying our thoughts these days? Our thoughts must be filled with truth and divine substance.

Continuing in Ephesians 4, verses 21-24 read, “If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” We used to walk by our old man, in deceitfulness. Now, in the church, we are being instructed in the truth that is in Jesus. If anyone still lives by the old man, his life will be inconsistent and without truth as its content. Let us put off the old man, and put on the new man created by God out of truth.

Verse 25 says, “Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another.” Lying is the opposite of truth. As members of one another, let us only speak the truth to avoid harming others.

Key Point:

Christ came to us full of grace and truth.

Your Key Point:

Question:

What is the result of putting on the new man?