



=I AM SERIES=

I AM THE TRUTH

JOHN 14:6

INTRODUCTION: Notice the words of our Lord. He did not say, “I believe the truth,” or “I always tell the truth,” though both of those statements would have been accurate. He said, “I am...the truth.” It is interesting to notice that He is talking here about the way to Heaven. Thomas had just asked Him how they could know where He was going. He had just said He was going to His Father’s house to prepare a place for us, and then He said He was the way to that place. Immediately He said He was the truth. In other words, He is the only true way to Heaven. He did not say He tells us the true way. Salvation is in Him! Salvation is Jesus! He is the way. He is the truth. He is the life.

- I. **HE IS ALWAYS THE TRUTH.** John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” Notice the words, “I am.” The words, “I am,” mean “I always am.” He never *was*; He never *will be*; He always *is!* He is always in the present tense. That means that which was the truth is the truth, and that which is the truth will always be the truth. Truth never changes. The Gospel never changes.
 - a. Deuteronomy 32:4 tells us about the “God of truth.” Jesus came to reveal that God of truth to us.
- II. **IT IS JESUS OR ERROR.** I John 4:6, “We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.” This verse is explained by I John 4:2, 3. To believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and to trust Him for salvation is truth. To believe anything else is error.
- III. **IN THE TRUTH (JESUS) IS FREEDOM.** John 8:32, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” Jesus always brings freedom. The nations that have believed in Christ have always been free nations. The nations that have not believed in Christ have been oppressed and enslaved. This is true today and has always been true in the history of people. As a nation leaves Christ, she goes into slavery. As a nation comes to Christ, she believes and practices freedom.
- IV. **JESUS IS FULL OF TRUTH.** John 1:14, “And the Word was made 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.” Notice especially the words, “full of grace and truth.”
- V. **THE FACT THAT HE IS TRUTH IS THE REASON WE TAKE UNLEAVENED BREAD AT THE LORD’S SUPPER TABLE.** I Corinthians 5:8, “Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” At the Lord’s Supper

table we take unleavened bread. Leaven in the Bible is the symbol of sin, so no leaven is in the bread at the Lord's Supper table in order that we might picture the purity and perfection of Christ. We say every time we take the Lord's Supper that Jesus is the truth.

VI. **JESUS CAME TO BEAR WITNESS OF THE TRUTH.** John 18:37, 38, "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all." A witness tells what he has seen. Jesus was in Heaven with the Father. He came to earth to bear witness of what He had seen. He came to show us what the Father is like. This is why in Isaiah 9:6 He is called "The mighty God, The everlasting Father." John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." This tells us that the works that Jesus did we are to do. This means that we are to be witnesses of the truth. Bearing in mind that a witness tells what he has seen, we have to be converted before we can tell others how to be converted. We have to know Christ before we can lead others to know Christ, but once we have been converted by trusting Christ, we are to be witnesses of what we have seen.

VII. **WE ARE SUPPOSED TO WALK IN THE TRUTH.** III John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." John said he had no greater joy than to hear that his children walked in the truth. The godly parent has no greater joy than to hear that his children walk in the truth. The godly pastor has no greater joy than to hear that his people walk in the truth. The Sunday school teacher who is earnest and sincere has no greater joy than to hear that his or her pupils walk in the truth. The teachers of our evening Bible classes likewise have no greater joy than to hear that their pupils walk in the truth.

- a. Notice the word "hear" in III John 4. John did not just say "see." He said "hear." No doubt all of his children would have walked in the truth if he were seeing them, but John thanked God and had great joy in knowing they walked in the truth when they were away from him, when he could not see them. He heard about it. This was his joy.
- b. Notice the words, "walked in." He did not say he had no greater joy than to hear that his children believed the truth, taught the truth, read the truth or loved the truth; it was how they lived that brought him joy!

VIII. **WE ARE TO SPEAK THE TRUTH.** Ephesians 4:15, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." (Teachers of little children should certainly emphasize the importance of telling the truth.)

IX. **WE SHOULD CHOOSE THE WAY OF TRUTH.** Psalm 119:30, "I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me." This would be a good place to emphasize to the pupils to run with those who tell the truth and to stay in the crowd of truth-tellers. In other words, run with the right crowd.

X. **WE ARE TO FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ORDER TO BE TRUTHFUL.** John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (Teach the pupils something about the Holy Spirit, what He does, Who He is. Compare Him to a babysitter. While the parents are gone, they leave the children with someone who is to babysit. Jesus has gone back to

Heaven, but He has left us in the care of the Holy Spirit. If we follow Him, we will always be in the truth.)

- XI. **WE ARE TO STAY IN THE BIBLE TO BE IN THE TRUTH.** II Timothy 2:15, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Notice, the Word of God is truth. That means if we are to be truthful, we are to stay in the Word of God.