

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of September 26, 2021 A.D.

The Holy Spirit, the Truth, and Us

(Note: For every question which appears in this study, always give the reasoning and/or the explanation for each of your answers.)

Read 1 John 2:20

1. What is the definition of “truth”? What is the meaning of “an anointing from the Holy One”? Do all Christians know the “truth”? Do all Christians have the “anointing” which John mentions in this verse? Are knowing the truth and/or having the anointing essential to being a Christian?

Read John 14:15-17

2. Are all Christians obligated to love Jesus? Are all Christians obligated to obey every command which Jesus has given to us? Are all Christians obligated to (a) seek daily to know the commands of Jesus through prayer and Bible study? (b) allow the Holy Spirit to guide and direct them to serve the people whom they encounter each day?
3. Do all Christians have equal access to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit? If not, why not? If so, do all Christians hear, obey, and submit to the ongoing guidance and commands of (a) Jesus and (b) the Holy Spirit? In your opinion, do the answers to these questions reveal any problems with the extent of our love for Jesus?

Read John 15:26-27

4. Did the disciples of Jesus have immediate and direct access to (a) the writings of the New Testament? (b) the Holy Spirit? (c) the words that Jesus wanted them to tell other people? Do we have the same (or more) immediate and direct access available to us? If so, why and how are our lives and our behavior different from that of the disciples?
5. Do all Christians have a testimony about their relationship with Christ? Do these verses apply to all Christians? Can a person not testify about Christ and be a Christian?
6. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “The Bible teaches that every Christian is obligated to testify about Jesus every day both verbally and non-verbally.”

Read John 16:13-15

7. Who is “the Spirit of truth”? Can the Spirit of truth ever tell a lie? Will (and does) the Holy Spirit enable every Christian to know, understand, obey, and/or apply every truth which is revealed to us in the New Testament writings?

8. Will the Holy Spirit ever guide or enable a person to (a) reject Jesus as the one and only Savior and Lord, (b) believe anything that contradicts the teachings of Christ and/or the Bible, (c) worship or believe any faith or “religion” other than biblical Christianity?

Read Matthew 28:18-20

9. Does Jesus give every believer the power and authority to become his disciple and to teach other people to become disciples of Christ also? What role or roles does the Holy Spirit fulfill within us and through us when we choose to obey this commandment?

Read Ephesians 4:1-6

10. Are all believers commanded to have regular and consistent fellowship with other believers? Would the Holy Spirit ever instruct a believer to avoid being actively involved in the life and ministry of at least one local church body?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13

11. Who appoints pastors and teachers? What is the role of the pastors and teachers? What is the role and purpose of each believer within the body of Christ? In your opinion, are these verses being obeyed and followed (a) within the church families in America? (b) within your church family?

12. Is it realistic to expect the American church to become submissive to the “anointing from the Holy One” and to faithfully seek and obey “the truth” of Christ?

Consider: See 2 Timothy 2:11-13. “You think about that.” Amen.