

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of October 3, 2021 A.D.

The Holy Spirit, the Truth, and Us Part II

(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 2:20-21

1. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “The very moment that a person becomes a Christian, he or she is given the supernatural ability to distinguish the difference between the truth and a lie.”
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss this statement: “Because every believer in Christ has an anointing from the Holy One, there is no need for any believer to read, study, and/or memorize the teachings of the Bible.”
3. Was John writing this letter to strangers or to people who had been personally taught by John about John’s life with Jesus? Would these verses make sense if the recipients of this letter had not read (or had not been taught from) the gospel which was previously written by John? Do all current American Christians know “the truth” to which John refers in this letter?
4. Will every person who has “an anointing from the Holy One” willingly and diligently read, study, and/or memorize the teachings of the Bible? Are all believers in Christ also disciples of Christ? If not, why not? If not, are they going to heaven or to hell?

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

5. Who is “the lawless one”? Will any regular church attenders be in the group of people who are deceived by “the lawless one”? If so, how will that be possible?
6. Is all deception “evil”? Is there a difference between “knowing the truth” and “loving the truth”? According to verse 10, does God give to every person the opportunity to be saved? Refer to verses 11-12. Do all non-believers “delight in wickedness”? Do you ever (a) resist, (b) support, or (c) cooperate with people who delight in wickedness?

Read Romans 1:28-32

7. “Depraved” means morally corrupt or wicked. Can a person who knows the truth be depraved? Do all depraved people have the capacity to receive and “retain the knowledge of God”? Does every sin involve the rejection of some aspect of the truth? Does every sin involve the rejection of God?

8. Please state how these verses do and/or do not describe and/or apply to the (a) past, (b) present, and (c) future culture of the United States of America?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

9. Are these verses “the truth”? In your opinion, has “the church” in America suffered negative consequences because of its failure to obey what God has commanded in these verses?

10. Please state if and/or how these verses apply to marriage in the American culture.

11. Should a follower of Christ always exercise his or her right to vote in the election of public officials? What factors should guide and direct a follower of Christ in deciding for whom to vote? Is it sinful for a Christ follower to disregard those factors?

Read Matthew 5:13-16

12. Please state in your own words what Jesus expects from you personally, and from the American church collectively, based on these verses. Are His expectations reasonable? If so, how are we meeting those expectations?

Consider: Every believer in Christ has an anointing from the Holy One and has an obligation to learn, know, and obey the truth of God’s Holy Word (the Bible) in every detail of life. “You think about that.” Amen.