

Personal/Small Group Sermon Study

Week of June 12, 2022 A.D.

Does Faith In Christ Require a Commitment to Seek, Learn, and Obey the Truth?

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

Read John 14:6

1. Please analyze, critique, and discuss these statements: “Truth is an objective standard by which reality is measured. Truth never changes.”
2. Please analyze, critique, and discuss these statements: “Truth is God’s point of view on any subject. God has a point of view on everything.”
3. Is a personal relationship with Jesus the only way: (a) to know God? (b) to receive eternal life? (c) to enjoy a clear conscience? and/or (d) to experience absolute forgiveness?

Read John 15:26

4. How can a person receive and experience “the Spirit of truth”? What has been the purpose and/or role of the “Spirit of truth” throughout human history? Is it possible for the “Spirit of truth” to (a) be malicious? (b) lie? and/or (c) contradict the written word of God?

Read John 16:12-15

5. Does Jesus speak to people every day? If so, how? Are Jesus and the Holy Spirit the same person? Do Jesus and the Holy Spirit ever disagree?
6. Must a believer in Christ be willing to seek, learn, and obey the truth in order to experience personal fellowship (a) with Christ, (b) with a fellow believer, and/or (c) with the Holy Spirit?

7. Refer to verse 14. Must a believer be in agreement with the truth of Jesus and with the truth of the Holy Spirit in order to give and bring glory to Jesus? Have you made the personal commitment to live your life solely for the glory of Christ? Are you committed to seek, know, and live the truth of God in all matters of human affairs?

Read John 3:16

8. Can a person “believe in him (Jesus)” and receive eternal life without making a commitment to be obedient to Jesus in all matters of human affairs?

Read John 17:3

9. Do the people of the world worship many different gods? How many gods have the ability to give to humans the gift of eternal life? Is there only one true God? Must a person be willing to obey God in order to receive and experience eternal life?

Read John 17:15-19

10. Who is “the evil one”? Will every believer in Christ be attacked and harmed by “the evil one”? Should a believer in Christ (a) fear “the evil one” and/or (b) try to appease “the evil one”? Should a believer in Christ purposefully and deliberately seek out and confront “the evil one” and/or the agenda of “the evil one”?
11. Do all believers in Christ understand and/or accept the truth and the reality of verse 16? Is a person “saved” if they do not have any desire to oppose and overcome the teachings and values of “the evil one” and of the world?
12. Is a person “saved” if that person does not (a) hunger and thirst to know the truth? (b) want to live a life which is pleasing to God? (c) regularly and/or daily serve as an ambassador for Christ in the world? and/or (d) live a life style that is decidedly opposed to the American dream?

Consider: “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James (the son of Mary and Joseph) 1:22. “You think about that.” Amen.