

Do You Love The Truth?

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In 2 Thessalonians 2:10 Paul speaks of some who *“received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.”* Certainly one’s salvation is dependent upon his loving the truth. And if one loves the truth, several things follow; there will be many manifestations of that love. Do you love the truth?

If one loves the truth, he will steadfastly, diligently and zealously study it (Colossians 3:16; Psalm 1:1-3). He will hunger and thirst after the righteousness which the truth alone reveals (Romans 1:16-17). He will give the truth a fair, a thorough, and a constant hearing. He will seek to remove or overcome everything in his life that would hinder or prevent the truth from penetrating his heart and permeating his life.

If one loves the truth, he will obey it (Romans 6:17). How can one say that he loves the truth who will not do that which the truth demands of him? His love can be but weak sentiment, mere lip service. He who loves the truth will eagerly and submissively walk in its commandments and respect its restrictions or prohibitions.

If one loves the truth, he will hate error and despise every false way. *“Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way”* (Psalm 119:128). One cannot occupy a non-committal attitude toward error and still love the truth. Error must be exposed and opposed. Precious souls must be warned against it and even rescued from it. The truth is of God, but error is of Satan while pretending to be of God. The truth saves, but error condemns (John 8:32; 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12).

If one loves the truth, he will contend for it and defend it. *“Contend earnestly for the faith”* (Jude 3). *“I am set for the defense of the gospel,”* said Paul (Philippians 1:16). He who loves the truth will not stand idly by while the truth is assailed or placed in an unfavorable light or misrepresented or taken unfair advantage of.

If one loves the truth he will proclaim it. He knows that it is God’s power unto salvation (Romans 1:16), and that every accountable soul on earth needs it (Mark 16:15). He will do all within his power to sow it in the hearts of men. He will teach it with his life and with his lips.

Conversely, if one does not study it, or obey it, or contend for it, or defend it, or proclaim it, or hate that which is contrary to it, **he does not love the truth.**

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