

## 1 Peter 1:22-25 “WHAT IS TRUTH?”

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For, “All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord stands forever.” And this is the word that was preached to you.

Jesus made the claim before Pilate that he “came into the world to testify to the truth” (John 18:37). Pilate’s response was simply, “What is truth?” (v.38). Is it not odd that the question that has always stimulated the great thinkers of the world could be dismissed with a wave of the hand? But then again, the Procurator of Judea was no great thinker; he was a very practical man. There was a tight spot that he needed to escape. He needed a plan, not the esoteric luxury of the truth. Do we know the truth? Do we want to know the truth?

What is truth? The truth is what Jesus came to reveal to the world. The truth is that “God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). The truth is that salvation, emanating from the love of God, came to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a truth that works on the believer and through the believer. We are purified of our sins through the truth and we are stimulated to love our neighbor by obeying the truth. The effect of the truth is radical. We are transformed so completely by the truth that the only accurate metaphor for the process is rebirth. Furthermore, as the truth is eternal, so is the word that transmits that truth, and so is the resulting change in our lives.

Practical men settle for expediency in the present. Godly men seek the truth, and when they find it, grasp it through obedience for all eternity.

**Jesus, you are the truth and as the truth, the only way to the Father. Every day help me grow in my hunger for more of the truth. Every day empower me to grow more obedient to the truth, so that I might be transformed more fully as your disciple and be a witness to your truth. Amen.**