

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH?

2 John 1:1-3

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*The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in **truth**; and not only I, but also all who know the **truth**, for the sake of the **truth** which abides in us and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in **truth** and love. 2 John 1:1-3*

Why is it so important to know the truth?

1. The truth is what sets a person free.

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-82

A. You must know the truth about yourself.

"There is no hope for me! I am doomed because every word that passes my lips is sinful, and I live among a people whose every word is sinful." Isaiah 6:5 GNB

B. You must know the truth about Jesus.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us ... John 1:14

"For He is not a man as I am that I may answer Him, That we may go to court together. There is no umpire between us, Who may lay his hand upon us both." Job 9:32-33

C. You must know the truth about salvation.

... for "WHOEVER WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED." Romans 10:13

2. The truth is a what establishes Christian fellowship.

A. The truth is God Himself.

B. The truth dwells within every believer.

*... for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever.
2 John 1:2*

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.” John 14:16-17

C. The truth connects us in His love, grace, mercy, peace.
Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.
2 John 1:3

"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24

3. The truth is what we are called to proclaim.
... for the sake of the truth ... 2 John 1:2

A. We grow up believers in the truth.
As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ. Ephesians 4:14-15

B. We faithfully and lovingly tell unbelievers the truth.

Do you really know the One who is the truth?