

Morning Watch

Knowing the Truth, Being Absolute for the Truth and for Upholding the Absoluteness of the Truth,  
and Testifying to the Truth in the Present Age of the World

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Monday 7/19

Related Verses

**John 18:37**

37 Pilate said therefore to Him, So then You are a king? Jesus answered, You say that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I would testify to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears My voice.

**2 Tim. 2:15**

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

**2 Tim. 3:16-17**

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

**1 Tim. 2:3-4**

3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of our Savior God,

4 Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

**Titus 1:1**

1 Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ according to the faith of God's chosen ones and the full knowledge of the truth, which is according to godliness,

**1 Tim. 3:15**

15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

Related Reading

The Lord's recovery is the recovery of the light of the truth. In the past sixty years the Lord has been opening up the Bible to us day by day, chapter by chapter, and verse by verse.

The most urgent need on this earth today is the truth of this age. The Lord has placed the responsibility of spreading the truth upon our shoulders. Although we do not have a large number of serving ones, we should each pick up this burden to learn the truth, to preach it

everywhere, and to bring ten others into the knowledge of the truth and perfect them to do what we are doing. If we do this, then in three to five years there will be a tremendous multiplication and increase among us. (*CWWL, 1984*, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," pp. 383-384)

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Today the whole earth needs the truth of the Lord that is in His Word. Regrettably, however, the Bible, the divine Word, has not been fully opened to the world....At the most, Christians are able to boast that the holy Word of God has been published into many languages and propagated over the whole earth. Yet they are not able to say that after reading the Bible, regardless of which language, they have been able to truly understand the deep mysteries within it....The mysteries of the truths in the Bible are very deep and profound. We need the enlightening of the Spirit of God to understand them, and we also need to spend time to dig them out (cf. 1 Cor. 2:10-14).

The Lord's recovery is the recovery of all the truths in the Bible that were lost....The Lord's recovery depends upon the recovery of the knowledge of the truth.

The New Testament says repeatedly that we should know the truth. Moreover, when referring to this matter, Paul repeatedly says that we should come to the full knowledge of the truth (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Tim. 2:25; 3:7; Titus 1:1). This means that we must know not just a small part or one aspect of the truth but rather the truth in its entirety and in all its aspects. Paul also said that the church is the pillar and base of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15). This implies that the truth in the Bible is like a large building that is not one-sided but complete on all sides with a foundation and a roof. If we are going to spread the Lord's recovery today, we must know the truth and be able to expound the truth. For this reason we must know every side of the truth without any biases or particular leanings.

The truth not only has many sides but also includes many crucial items. For example, the Bible speaks about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the believers, the church, the kingdom, and the New Jerusalem. The Bible begins with God, then continues with God's creation, man's fall, God's redemption, and God's entering into man to be man's life

for man to be regenerated, sanctified, renewed, transformed, conformed to His own image, and ultimately brought fully into glory. In the midst of all these matters, the Bible also shows us the believers and the corporate church. This corporate church brings in the kingdom, consummating in the ultimate expression, which is the New Jerusalem in the new heaven and new earth. All these aspects are included in the truths of the Bible.

We must diligently learn all these things, obtain the knowledge of them, and be able to speak them clearly to others. (*CWWL, 1984*, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," pp. 393-394)

**Further Reading:** *CWWL, 1984*, vol. 5, "Truth, Life, the Church, and the Gospel—the Four Great Pillars in the Lord's Recovery," chs. 3-4; *CWWL, 1978*, vol. 3, "The Healthy Word," ch. 2

**Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 8**  
– **Sections:** *Losing The Oneness; Brought Into The Father's Glory; Oneness Prevailing Where The Son Is*

Tuesday 7/20

Related Verses

**John 1:14**

14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

**John 16:13**

13 But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming.

**John 17:17**

17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Col. 2:9**

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,

**John 14:6**

6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

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**Eph. 4:20-21**

20 But you did not so learn Christ,

21 If indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him as the reality is in Jesus,

**John 14:16-17**

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever,

17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be in you.

**John 15:26**

26 But when the Comforter comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of reality, who proceeds from the Father, He will testify concerning Me;

Related Reading

If we would understand the meaning of truth in the Bible, we need to go beyond the traditional and common understanding of what truth is. The traditional view concerning the truth in the Bible as correct doctrine is not accurate, and the common denotation of the word should not be applied to the word *truth* as found in the Bible.

The Greek word *aletheia* means truth or reality (versus vanity), verity, veracity, genuineness, sincerity. It is John's highly individual terminology, and it is one of the profound words in the New Testament. This word denotes all the realities of the divine economy as the content of the divine revelation, contained, conveyed, and disclosed by the holy Word. (*Life-study of 1 John*, pp. 78-79)

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According to the New Testament, truth is first God, who is light and love, incarnated to be the reality of the divine things—including the divine life, the divine nature, the divine power, the divine glory—for our possession, so that we may enjoy Him as grace, as revealed in John's Gospel (John 1:1, 4, 14-17).

Second, truth...denotes Christ, who is God incarnated and in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily (Col. 2:9), to be the reality of: a) God and man (John 1:18, 51; 1 Tim. 2:5); b) all the types, figures, and shadows of the Old Testament (Col. 2:16-17; John 4:23-24); and c)

all the divine and spiritual things, such as the divine life and resurrection (John 11:25; 14:6), the divine light (John 8:12; 9:5), the divine way (John 14:6), wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption (1 Cor. 1:30). Hence, Christ is the reality (John 14:6; Eph. 4:21).

Third, truth is the Spirit, who is Christ transfigured (1 Cor. 15:45b; 2 Cor. 3:17), the reality of Christ (John 14:16-17; 15:26) and of the divine revelation (John 16:13-15). Hence, the Spirit is the reality (1 John 5:6).

God is the truth, the reality, of the divine things for our possession. Therefore, we need to possess God as the reality and then enjoy Him as grace. Hence, the divine reality is actually God Himself. He is the reality of all the divine things.

Reality is Christ as God incarnate...In the Old Testament we have many types, figures, and shadows. Christ is the reality of them. In the Bible we also read of many divine and spiritual things, such as life, light, wisdom, and righteousness. Christ Himself is the reality of all these things. Therefore, when we read the word *truth* or *reality* in the New Testament, we need to realize that it refers first to God and also to Christ.

We have pointed out that truth is God, Christ, and the Spirit. Therefore, truth is the Divine Trinity. Actually the three of the Trinity are all one reality.

Having seen that truth is the Triune God, we may go on to point out that truth is also the Word of God as the divine revelation, which not only reveals but also conveys the reality of God and Christ and of all the divine and spiritual things. Hence, the Word of God also is reality (John 17:17).

The Word is the explanation of the Triune God. This means that the fourth aspect of what the truth is, the Word, is actually the explanation of the first three aspects of the truth, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit. Therefore, reality is God the Father, God the Son, God the Spirit, and also the divine Word. (*Life-study of 1 John*, pp. 79-81)

**Further Reading:** *Life-study of 1 John*, msgs. 5, 7, 9-11, 17-18, 28, 32, 39-40; *CWWL*, 1984, vol. 2, "Elders' Training, Book 3: The Way to Carry Out the Vision," chs. 1, 3, 6, 8-10, 12-13

Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 9 –  
Sections: *One In The Triune God And In His Expression;*  
*A Picture Of Our Oneness In The Triune God*

Wednesday 7/21

Related Verses

**Eph. 1:13**

13 In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, in Him also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promise,

**2 Cor. 11:10**

10 The truthfulness of Christ is in me, that this boasting shall not be stopped as it regards me in the regions of Achaia.

**1 Peter 1:22**

22 Since you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned brotherly love, love one another from a pure heart fervently,

**Matt. 16:24-25**

24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

**3 John 1:4, 8**

4 I have no greater joy than these things, that I hear that my children are walking in the truth.

8 We therefore ought to support such ones that we may become fellow workers in the truth.

**Prov. 23:23**

23 Buy truth, and do not sell it; Buy wisdom and instruction and understanding.

Related Reading

First Timothy speaks of the pillar of the truth (3:15)...A pillar is something immovable. It cannot go up or down....If we are not sober, the truth will not have any effect on us. The truth cannot be entrusted to a person who walks according to his feelings. This is a great test. A man must stand on the side of the truth to oppose himself. Only by this can he maintain the truth instead of himself. Those

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who have never been dealt with do not know what the truth is. Some people lower the truth a little when they are wrong, and lift up the truth a little when they are right. This means that they are like elevators. The truth goes up and down with them. Only those who have dealt with themselves are able to maintain the truth.

The reason for so much darkness today is that man sacrifices the truth and forces the truth to yield to him. If you can take the truth as the unique standard and if you have the courage to say that since the Lord has done such and such a thing, you admit that you are wrong, new light will come, and a new way will be opened to you. (*CWWN*, vol. 57, pp. 136-137)

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According to the New Testament, truth is also the contents of the faith (belief), which are the substantial elements of what we believe, as the reality of the full gospel (Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5).

This is the objective faith, our belief. The Word is the revelation and explanation of the Trinity, and this Word has contents. In brief, these contents are the contents of the New Testament and also the contents of our Christian faith. Therefore, the contents of the New Testament and of our Christian faith are also the truth, the reality.

In the Bible truth is also the reality concerning God, the universe, man, man's relationship with God and with one another, and man's obligation to God, as revealed through creation and the Scripture (Rom. 1:18-20; 2:2, 8, 20).

We simply need to come to the Scriptures, for in the New Testament we have the truth concerning God, the universe, and man. We also have the truth regarding man's obligation to God and his relationship with God and others. This truth is revealed partially in God's creation, and it is revealed fully in the Scriptures.

In the New Testament the Greek word for truth, *altheia*, also denotes the genuineness, truthfulness, sincerity, honesty, trustworthiness, and faithfulness of God as a divine virtue (Rom. 3:7; 15:8), and of man as a human virtue (...2 Cor. 11:10...) and as an issue of the divine reality (John 4:23-24...).

John 4:23 and 24 say, "But an hour is coming, and it is now, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truthfulness, for the Father also seeks such to

worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness"...In John 4:23 and 24 truthfulness refers to the result, the issue, of God being reality to us. When we enjoy God as our reality, this enjoyment will have a certain outcome, and this outcome is truthfulness, reality. Actually, this outcome of enjoying God as our reality is Christ coming forth from us. When we enjoy the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—as our reality, that is, when the Divine Trinity becomes a reality to us for our enjoyment, this enjoyment issues in a certain kind of virtue. This virtue is the Christ experienced by us, the Christ who is the fulfillment of all the offerings. (*Life-study of 1 John*, pp. 81-83)

**Further Reading:** *CWWN*, vol. 40, "What Shall This Man Do?" ch. 10; *Life-study of 2 John*, msgs. 1-2; *Life-study of 3 John*, msgs. 1-2

**Corporate Reading of "Truth Messages" Chapter 9**  
– Sections: *One In The Glory Of God; The Wood And The Gold; The Need For A Weighty Layer Of Gold*

Thursday 7/22

Related Verses

**3 John 3**

3 For I rejoiced greatly at the brothers' coming and testifying to your steadfastness in the truth, even as you walk in truth.

**Col. 3:1**

1 If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

**Col. 1:27**

27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

**John 8:32**

32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

**2 Cor. 3:5-6**

5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God,

6 Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, ministers not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**1 Tim. 6:14-16 (15-16)**

14 To keep the commandment spotless, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Which in its own times the blessed and only Sovereign will show, the King of those who reign as kings and Lord of those who rule as lords,

16 Who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen nor can see, to whom be honor and eternal might. Amen.

Related Reading

The truths in the Holy Scriptures are always of two aspects: the objective aspect and the subjective aspect. We have to be clear that all the objective doctrines are for the subjective experience. If we pay attention only to the objective doctrines and neglect the subjective aspect, we will not be able to fulfill God's eternal purpose, which is that He be expressed through the church. The objective doctrines are for the subjective truths, and the subjective truths are for the producing of the church...The practical church life is an issue of our experience of the subjective truths. When we have the experience of the subjective truths, the church is spontaneously produced. (*CWWL*, 1977, vol. 3, "The Subjective Truths in the Holy Scriptures," p. 109)

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Furthermore, all the subjective truths are linked to the Spirit and life. The Spirit and life are the substance of the subjective truths. If you take away the Spirit and life, there will be no subjective truths. Objective doctrines are composed of letters, whereas subjective truths are constituted with the Spirit and life, not with letters. Without the Spirit and life you do not have subjective truths. Therefore, it is by the Spirit and life that the church is produced. Because we live by the Spirit and in life, we have the experience of the subjective truths and therefore have the church life.

Concerning God, there are two sides in the revelation of the Scriptures...Objectively speaking, first, God is God. He is the God who is high above in the heavens with glory

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and majesty....Second, He is our Creator....Third, He is the sovereign Master....Fourth, He has become our Redeemer....Fifth, He is our good Shepherd, and we are His flock....The shepherd loves the sheep, and the sheep also love the shepherd. Nevertheless, to the sheep, the shepherd is objective. Sixth, He is our Master. He owns us, and we serve Him.

However, in the Scriptures there is also the subjective aspect concerning God. First, God is our Father. This is subjective because He has given us His life and nature. Second, He is the life-giving Spirit. As the Spirit, He enters into us just like air. This is also subjective. Third, He is our life....It is only by coming into us to live in us subjectively and to be mingled with us that He can be our life. Fourth, He is light. In the Scriptures this light is called the light of life....This is not an objective light outside but a subjective light inside. Fifth, He is our breath. Sixth, He is our living water and food to be taken into us. All these are subjective.

Yes, on the objective side, He is the Lord in heaven, who is above all and who is dignified and great with majesty and glory. However, on the other side, this Lord is actually in me, speaking to me, fellowshiping with me, walking with me, as well as supplying, supporting, and comforting me all the time. When I am empty within, He fills me. He is truly my life within, and He is my inward supply.

This subjective viewpoint tells us over and over again that God is not only the God who is high above. Rather, He is in us today to be our breath of life, our living water, and our nutritious food. He does not want to be merely high and great. Rather, He desires to come into us to be our enjoyment. The more we enjoy Him, the more joyful He is. He is in us; He is one spirit with us; we have His life, nature, and essence. (*CWWL*, 1977, vol. 3, “The Subjective Truths in the Holy Scriptures,” pp. 109, 99-100, 103, 106)

**Further Reading:** *CWWL*, 1977, vol. 3, “The Subjective Truths in the Holy Scriptures,” chs. 1-2

**Corporate Reading of “Truth Messages” Chapter 9**  
– **Sections:** *Not One In Our Humanity; Believing God’s Word Concerning Genuine Oneness; Perfected Into One By Gaining More Gold*

**Friday 7/23**

**Related Verses**

**1 John 1:6**

**6** If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and are not practicing the truth;

**1 John 5:19**

**19** We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the evil one.

**Rom. 12:2**

**2** And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and well pleasing and perfect.

**Eph. 4:23-24**

**23** And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

**24** And put on the new man, which was created according to God in righteousness and holiness of the reality.

**Titus 3:5**

**5** Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

**2 Cor. 4:4**

**4** In whom the god of this age has blinded the thoughts of the unbelievers that the illumination of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine on them.

**Eph. 2:2-5 (2, 5)**

**2** In which you once walked according to the age of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit which is now operating in the sons of disobedience;

**3** Among whom we also all conducted ourselves once in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the thoughts, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest;

**4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**5** Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

**Related Reading**

To lie is of Satan. He is the father of liars (John 8:44). His nature is a lie, and it brings in death and darkness. With darkness is falsehood, the opposite of the truth. The satanic darkness is versus the divine light, and the satanic lie is versus the divine truth. As the divine truth is the expression of the divine light, so the satanic lie is the expression of the satanic darkness. If we say that we have fellowship with God, who is light, and walk in the darkness, we lie, we are in the expression of the satanic darkness, and we do not practice the truth in the expression of the divine light. (*Life-study of 1 John*, pp. 64-65)

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Paul tells us not to be “fashioned according to this age” [Rom. 12:2]....The age is the present, practical world life, which is the opposition to and substitute of the church life. The entire world is a Satanic system, a system constituted by Satan. The Greek word for world, *cosmos*, denotes an organization, a system. Satan has systematized every person and every item of human life. This world system is composed of many ages. Just as the universal church is composed of many local churches, so the world is composed of many ages. Every local church is a part of the universal church, and every age is a part of the world. Each age has its modern fashion. The English word *modern* is an equivalent of the Greek word rendered “age.” The Greek words translated as “Do not be conformed to this age” may be translated as, “Do not be modernized.” Hence, to be modernized means to be fashioned, conformed according to the present age. Since an age, being the present, practical world life, is a part of the world system, you cannot be in the world without being in one of the ages. You cannot touch the world unless you touch one of the ages. Therefore, in order to forsake the world you must also forsake the age. ‘

The changes in the age of the world system can be illustrated by the changes in ladies’ hairdos. [Many] years ago...it was common for women to arrange their hair into a high tower, the higher the better....Each age has its fashion and style.

The world opposes the church, and the ages oppose the churches. If we mean business to have the church life, we must give up the age. Since the present age opposes the

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church life, we cannot follow the age and be fashioned according to it and still truly experience the Body life. A person who is possessed by the modern age may attend the Sunday meetings, but he cannot practice the church life. If we want the Body life, the practice of the church life, we must not follow this age nor be conformed to it. This is the reason that Paul told us not to be conformed to this age.

We should not be conformed to the age, but transformed by the renewing of our mind (Eph. 4:23; Titus 3:5). To be conformed to the age means to adopt the modern fashions outwardly; to be transformed is to have an organic element wrought into our being to produce a metabolic change inwardly. We need to be transformed by the renewing of our mind....The mind is renewed not only by outward teachings, but by the element of Christ being added to it. When the Lord Jesus spreads Himself from our spirit into our mind, our mind will be renewed. By the renewing of our mind our soul is metabolically changed. In this way we experience transformation in our soul, a necessity for the church life. If we intend to practice the church life, we need to experience such a transformation in our soul by the renewing of our mind. (*Life-study of Romans*, pp. 299-301)

**Further Reading:** *Life-study of Romans*, msg. 25; *The Conclusion of the New Testament*, msgs. 7-8, 10

**Corporate Reading of “Truth Messages” Chapter 9**  
– **Sections:** *God Overlaying His Recovered People With Himself; The Top Portion Of God*

**Saturday 7/24**

**Related Verses**

**Eph. 6:14**

**14** Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness

**1 John 5:20**

**20** And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding that we might know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

**1 Peter 1:13**

**13** Therefore girding up the loins of your mind and being sober, set your hope perfectly on the grace being brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**Eph. 4:14-16**

**14** That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,

**15** But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ,

**16** Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

**John 1:12-13**

**12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

**13** Who were begotten not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Related Reading**

For us to gird our loins is to strengthen our entire being. Our whole being needs to be strengthened with truth. This strengthening is not for sitting, but for standing.

According to the way the word *truth* is used in Ephesians 4 (vv. 15, 21, 24, 25), truth in 6:14 refers to God in Christ as reality in our living, that is, God realized and experienced by us as our living. This is actually Christ Himself lived out by us (John 14:6). Such truth, such reality, is the girdle that strengthens our whole being for spiritual warfare. Our living must have a principle and a standard. This is nothing less than God Himself expressed in our living in a practical way. When such a truth girds our loins, we are made strong for the purpose of standing. (*Life-study of Ephesians*, pp. 537-538)

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Suppose, however, that your daily living is far below the standard of the truth as it is in Jesus. Instead of being able to stand and to withstand in the evil day, you will flee. Because in your daily walk there is no testimony and no expression of God, you do not have the strength to stand against the stratagems of the devil. If our daily living is loose, we are not able to stand against the powers of darkness. In order for us to stand, our daily living must be according to the principle of the truth and up to the standard of the truth....This truth is God Himself expressed as the principle of our daily walk, as the standard of our daily living, and as the pattern of our life.

The truth with which we are girded for spiritual warfare [in Ephesians 6:14] is actually the very Christ we experience. In Philippians 1:21 Paul says, “To me, to live is Christ.” This Christ whom Paul lived was his girdle of truth. This Christ was God expressed and revealed in Paul’s daily walk. Because Paul’s daily living was conformed to the pattern of Christ, he had the strength to face all opposition and adverse circumstances. Because Paul had been girded about with truth, he had the strength to stand. (*Life-study of Ephesians*, p. 538) [In 1 John 5:20] the Greek word translated “true” is *alethinos*, genuine, real (an adjective akin to *aletheia*, truth, verity, reality—John 1:14; 14:6, 17), opposite of false and counterfeit. Actually, the true One is the reality. The Son of God has given us an understanding so that we may know—that is, experience, enjoy, and possess—this divine reality.

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Therefore, to know the true One means to know the reality by experiencing, enjoying, and possessing this reality.

First John 5:20 indicates that God has become our reality in our experience. The Son of God has come through incarnation and through death and resurrection and has given us an understanding so that we may experience, enjoy, and possess the reality, which is God Himself. Now the God who once was objective to us has become our subjective reality.

When John says that we are in the true One, he is making a crucial point. Not only do we know the true One, and not only do we experience, enjoy, and possess Him as the reality, but we are in this reality. We are in the true One.

If we are not in God, we cannot say from experience that to us He is true. Of course, He would still be true in Himself, but we could not testify that in us He is true. But since we are in the true One, to us He is the true God.

Furthermore, Christ is eternal life to us. If we were not in Him, Christ would still be eternal life in Himself, but He would not be eternal life to us. Because we are now in Him, to us Jesus Christ is eternal life. (*Life-study of 1 John*, pp. 351-352, 355)

Further Reading: *Life-study of Ephesians*, msgs. 20, 47, 64

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We limit not the truth of God  
To our poor reach of mind,  
By notions of our day and sect,

Crude, partial and confined.  
Now let a new and better hope  
Within our hearts be stirred:  
The Lord hath yet more light and truth  
To break forth from His Word.

2

Who dares to bind by his dull sense  
The oracles of heaven,  
For all the nations, tongues and climes  
And all the ages given!  
The universe how much unknown!  
That ocean unexplored!  
The Lord hath yet more light and truth  
To break forth from His Word.

3

Darkling our great forefathers went  
The first steps of the way;  
'Twas but the dawning yet to grow  
Into the perfect day;  
And grow it shall, our glorious Sun  
More fervid rays afford:  
The Lord hath yet more light and truth  
To break forth from His Word.

4

The valleys past, ascending still,  
Our souls would higher climb,  
And look down from supernal heights,  
On all the bygone times;  
Upward we press, the air is clear,  
And the sphere-music heard!  
The Lord hath yet more light and truth  
To break forth from His Word.

5

O Father, Son and Spirit, send  
Us increase from above;  
Enlarge, expand all Christian hearts  
To comprehend Thy love;  
And make us all go on to know  
With nobler powers conferred:

The Lord hath yet more light and truth  
To break forth from His Word.

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Related Verses

**John 17:14-21**

**14** I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world even as I am not of the world.

**15** I do not ask that You would take them out of the world, but that You would keep them out of the hands of the evil one.

**16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

**17** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**18** As you have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

**19** And for their sake I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

**20** And I do not ask concerning these only, but concerning those also who believe into Me through their word,

**21** That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

**Further Reading**

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