

THE GOSPEL IS TRUTH

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The Gospel is truth...In the Ephesians epistle Paul said, *"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another"* (Ephesians 4:25). Christians are admonished to put away falsehood and speak that which is truth (real and complete). Paul also said, *"...to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you"* (Galatians 2:5).

The Gospel (truth) is God's Word. Jesus said, *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"* (John 17:17). The truth is God's word active, which must be obeyed as first century Christians obeyed according to 1 Peter 1:22 where Peter said, *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren."*

Jesus also said, *"If a man desires to enter the Kingdom of God, he must be born again"* (John 3:5). James tells us that we are begotten (born again) by the word of God: *"Of his own will begat he with the Word of truth"* (James 1:18). *We are to walk in the truth of Gaius: "For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth of that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth"* (3 John 3).

We must remember the responsibility for not forsaking the assembly of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). When we do our part, we are obeying the Lord's command. Mark 12:30-31 says, *"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is no other commandment greater than these."*

Have a great life serving our God!

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