

“Buy the Truth, and Sell It Not”

Prov. 23:23

Introduction

- I. There has been a war against truth for a very long time.
- II. Many do not want to accept that there is such a thing as absolute truth.
- III. Christians must be diligent to accept truth, and to live according to truth (Eph. 5:17).

Discussion

- I. What is truth (John 18:37-38; 17:17)?
 - A. The Word of God is always true.
 - B. The Word of God always directs to the proper choices (Psm 119:11, 16).
- II. We should desire, and love, the truth (1 Pet. 2:2; cf. 2 Thess. 2:9-13).
 - A. We are blessed when we hunger for the truth (Matt. 5:6; Psm. 119:172; Rom. 1:16-17).
 - B. We are harmed when we seek to establish another version of truth (Rom. 10:1-3).
 - C. It is the will of God that we learn the truth (1 Tim. 2:4).
- III. We should defend and maintain the truth (Phil. 1:7; Jude 3)
 - A. Paul diligently taught Christians the importance of standing for the truth (1 Tim. 1:3; 6:12; 2 Tim. 1:13; Titus 1:13-14).
 1. That also involves the exposure of error.
 2. Christians should not waver in defense and maintaining of truth (John 7:24; Matt. 7:15-16; 1 John 4:1; Rom. 16:17; Eph. 5:11).
 - B. What happens when Christians refuse to defend and maintain the truth (1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 2:17-18; cf. James 5:19-20 and Matt. 15:13).

Conclusion

- I. The church of Christ should be known as observers, lovers, and defenders of truth (1 Tim. 3:15).
- II. Error never helps, it always hurts!