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Truth Pt 3 Jesus taught: the Holy Spirit will guide us and teach truth

This is our third teaching on the topic of truth. In our previous study we covered three points- (i) Of a truth: Jesus is “the way” by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, (ii) Of a truth: Jesus is “the truth” because He did NO sin (opposite of truth), and only spoke truth, and (iii) Of a truth: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.. In this teaching we will establish three points: (i) Jesus taught: The Comforter is the Spirit of Truth He proceeded from the Father and testifies of Jesus (who is truth), (ii) Jesus taught: the Spirit of truth guides God’s children into all truth, and (iii) Jesus taught: the Spirit of truth teaches truth.

Let us first establish a meaning of the word truth from the scriptures, by considering the various links.

1. Jesus taught: the Comforter is the Spirit of Truth He proceeded from the Father and testifies of Jesus (who is truth)

“But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me” (Jn 15: 26).

The Lord Jesus Christ identified the Holy Spirit of truth- He will dwell with you

“Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. (John 14:17)

Jesus bore witness unto the truth

Jn 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.

There are three that bear record (testify) in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost, and there are three that bear witness in earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood

[7] For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

[8] And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

[9] If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. (1 Jn.5: 7-9).

2. Jesus taught: the Spirit of truth guides God’s children into all truth

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come” (Jn.16: 13)

The Spirit of truth guided Paul on where to go

[6] Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

[7] After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

[10] And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. (Acts 16:6-7,10)

David experience the Spirit teaching him.

[9] Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: I flee unto thee to hide me. [

10] Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness. Ps.143: 9, 10

Paul believed his judgments were of authoritative because He had the Spirit of God

[39] The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.

[40] But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God. 1 Corinthians 7:39-40

Paul spoke the truth

Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

3. Jesus taught: the Spirit of truth teaches truth

[17] Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

[26] But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:17,26

Jesus said- the Holy Ghost will teach us what to say

[11] And when they bring you unto the synagogues...take ye no thought...what ye shall say:

[12] For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. (Luke 12:11-12)

The Holy Ghost teaches when we compare spiritual things (scripture) with spiritual (other scripture).

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Cor.2: 13).

And the teaching from the Holy Ghost will be truth- 1 Jn.2: 27- “But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him”.

An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

I have experienced two encounters where the other person has accepted errors in the “Holy Bible”.

The first was just after I learnt the truth of the English text of the 1611 Authorised Bible: I visited a family friend who was a Presbyterian minister.

He was asked: Why do you use the Good News Translation (GNT) when it has provable errors? His reply: Because God told me that the GNT was “The Holy Bible”.

He was then asked: But what if someone else gave the same answer about their version, who would I believe? His reply: God told me, so believe me!

The second encounter followed five years of heated debate with a JW about their erroneous doctrine which culminated in the JW being shown five errors in his New World Translation (NWT). Several years later, he admitted that the only thing he would concede to me was: my NWT has errors.

I have always thought of Jehovah Witness' as a cult because their Jesus “a god” (Jn.1: 1- NWT), and NOT God Almighty of the Holy Bible. But consider their belief regarding the Holy Spirit of truth, which is just as devilish. The NWT says: “the spirit of the truth, ± which the world cannot receive, because it neither sees it nor knows it. ± You know it, because it remains with you and is in you” (Jn.14: 17). From their NWT they establish that the Holy Spirit of scripture is an “it” and a little “spirit”. Their webpage says:

* “The holy spirit is God’s power in action, his active force. (Micah 3:8; Luke 1: 35) God sends out his spirit by projecting his energy to any place to accomplish his will. —Psalm 104:30; 139:7.

* “By referring to God’s spirit as his “hands,” “fingers,” or “breath,” the Bible shows that the holy spirit is not a person. (Exodus 15: 8, 10)”.

Questions to think about.

i) How do we discern if a work is of the Spirit, or a gift is given by the Holy Spirit?

ii) The NWT and GNT remove the instruction to their readers that the Holy Spirit bears fruit in ALL truth. What are the consequences?

iii) Why would a Christian, born of the Spirit of God accept errors in the Holy Bible?

Answers from the scriptures.

i) A work of the Spirit, or a gift given by the Spirit is evidenced by the fruit: “(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)” (Eph.5: 9).

ii) The reader of the NWT and GNT have no knowledge that the fruit of the Holy Spirit is given in truth, and so they would be more accepting of error: as was the case with both examples in our illustration.

iii) For a born again Christian to accept error they would either be ignorant or blinded by the devil.

When a person stands up against the Holy Spirit of truth and vehemently resists the truth - they bear fruit of a minister of Satan. Jesus warned His disciples: “...he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation” (Mk.3: 29). Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is given in ALL truth, He teaches truth, guides us in truth and testifies of the Lord Jesus (the truth). So, when we next encounter a JW, or a person that uses the GNT let us warn them that their text dishonours the Holy Spirit. To discern the Spirit’s guidance and teaching simply compare your results with the “scripture of truth”.