

KNOWING THE TRUTH

Dear Friend:

The word "truth" is thrown around a lot these days. The truth is, it has been thrown around a lot the past 40 years. The 1980's saw the birth of postmodernism. What is postmodernism? It's the life philosophy (and really a theology that says: "Whatever is true for you is your truth and no one holds a truth that is more valuable than anyone else". Add to that the fact that all views of truth are equally right in postmodernism thought and anyone who does not accept someone else's truth is intolerant.

How does that sit with Christianity? How should it sit with you? Not well at all if you are a Christian. You see...to be a Christian means that there is only one truth-Jesus Christ. "Jesus answered, I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me" (NIV). Jesus is not just one truth among thousands, he is the only real/genuine truth.

In John 8:31b-32 Jesus was talking to non-believers and he said to them: "...if you hold to my teaching you are really my disciple. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (NIV). The use of truth here could have a double meaning. first, it could mean that if we hold to Jesus' teachings we will know the truth (those things which are right). Second, if we hold to Jesus' teaching we will come to know him in a personal relationship. If you believe that Jesus' teachings are the only true spiritual teachings and if you believe Jesus is thee only way, thee only truth, and thee only life by which one gets to heaven, you are in the minority. If you do not believe me, get into a conversation with someone who is not a Christian and tell them you believe that Jesus is the only truth and tell them you believe the Bible is the only boo that teaches real spiritual truth, you will find they deeply disagree with you. Just be ready to practice 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and correctly handles the word of truth" (NIV).

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Events: We hosted the New Albany Presbyterian Church VBS this past week. They are so grateful, have thanked Franklin Church 20 times. They wanted me to pass on some info: Attendance avg. 60 kids. 50 volunteers. Mission Project New Albany Food Pantry, 800 cans donated! Great job Franklin Church, you truly know what partnership in ministry is!

Prayer: Randy Wickiser (Mt. Carmel East), Noah Pittenger (New baby PTL), Melvin Burdette shut-in of the month