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HIS TRUTH ENDURETH TO ALL GENERATIONS

"...and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalms 100:5 KJV

I love this particular passage of Scripture which comes to us in Psalms 100, which speaks of a "truth" that endureth to all generations. Each of us has our own version of what "truth" is depending upon our information at the time. Each morning when I wake up it has been my custom for years to step on the scales to have it determine my weight. I told my wife after one of these episodes that we need a new set of scales. "Why?" She asked, "Because I don't like the numbers that the scale was telling me." I assumed the scale was wrong because it told me something I didn't want to read. Now if it had shown a number I like....probably there would not even had been a discussion. The truth can be painful.

Recently, the former mayor of New York City, Rudy Giuliani, made a statement on NBC's "Meet the Press," in which he said, "Truth isn't truth," for which he was widely condemned. He was trying to convey the reason for his counsel, that the President should not testify in front of a grand jury for Robert Mueller's Russia investigation. He felt that any testimony on his part, even given truthfully, could lead to a charge of perjury. Because the question is as to how his inquisitors define "truth." What may be the "truth" to President Trump may not be the "truth" to Mr. Mueller. Giuliani could be right. Why? Because often times there are many versions of what is referred to as the truth. Mankind can be generally prejudiced by what he believes is truth depending much on the source of his information.

A columnist, by the name of Art Moore, in APP Frontpage, Politics U.S. revealed in a confidential memo a plan outlining that of the progressives. George Soros-funded groups to remove the President from office; one member of the coalition boasted of laying the groundwork by what he called, "driving" 673 anti-Trump media stories. "The groundwork," he said, "will be laid to delegitimizing Trump as President." Of course the object of the attack on Mr. Trump would be to afflict him with a steady flow of damaging information, new revelations, an inability to avoid conflicting issues. In fact, there is a place that is called the state of the arts "war room," in which they operate in order to sustain this attack.

The reason I point this out, is not to necessarily defend our President, Mr. Trump. It is quite evident that he has at his disposal the means by which he can do that. However when it comes to the "truth" we all need wisdom when it comes to defining "the truth" even as in my case when I don't necessarily like it. The Scripture said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked," (Jer.17:9) or as one Bible Commentary put it [incurably diseased]: which brings up the question: Who can know it? Albert Barnes' comment on this statement added: "Because man's heart is incapable of seeing things in a straightforward manner, but is full of shrewd guile, and ever seeking to overreach others."

Truth as defined by man always stands in jeopardy, because one man's truth may be determined according to their: blind prejudice, lack of knowing all the facts, or determined by their political leadings, religious affiliation, etc. Various witnesses to an automobile accident are capable of coming up with different versions of the "truth" because it is based on what they believe they saw from their vantage point as their version of the "truth." They both could pass a lie detector test because they were telling what they believe to be the truth even if their testimony was the complete opposite of the other's testimony.

The conflict between parent and child often times is due to one version of the truth. What to a child is true, may be completely untrue in the mind of the adult, because each is judging from their knowledge, experience, and age. The problem is, there are times when the kids are right and the parent is wrong. And then there are times when the parent is right and the child is wrong. The problem is: the one who gets to determine the interpretation is the one that wins. (Which when I was growing up it was the parents.)

HIS TRUTH

There is a "truth" that is vital in which man's eternal destiny depends upon it. That is truth concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. When the Psalmist wrote Psalms 100 and mentioned that "His truth endureth to all generations" he was not simply talking about what man defines as "truth." But rather how God defines "truth".

St Paul in his letter to Timothy prepared him for such a day as we live in now when he wrote, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times **some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits**, and doctrines of devils;" There are other passages in the Bible that reveal such times as these: 1Tim. 4:1. as: 1John 2:18; Rev. 20:1-15; 2 Thess. 2:5.

John the Revelator's message to the Churches of Asia was God's concern over their tendency to "tolerate" false teachers. "Thou hast them there that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate." Rev. 2:14-15 **You see they were not teaching His truth**. To hear the truth and not accept it does not nullify truth...if that truth is from God. It endures.

HIS TRUTH ENDURES

Jesus told his generation, "When the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." John 16:13 Albert Barnes wrote, "The more we study the plan of Christ, the more shall we admire the profound wisdom of the Christian structure, and see that it was eminently fitted to the great design of its Founder - to introduce it in such a manner as to make on man the deepest impression of its wisdom and its truth."

What is important about truth is that it does not start with a mere idea. Truth starts with a person. Harold Cooke Phillips said, "Christian truth, then is redemptive truth because it requires not simply knowledge about something, but knowledge about someone. It is personal." You see to know real truth we must know Christ. It is a must. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all yet that are weary....and learn of me." (Matt. 11:28, 29) The more we learn of Him, the greater He grows on us and the more we are able to endure.

TRUTH THAT ENDURES TO ALL GENERATIONS

But there is a truth that wins and endures to all generations. And that is God's truth. That is why we need to trust His truth over our interpretation of the truth. He is our Creator, Our Lord, our Savior, our Master. The margin of my Bible says as it is written in Hebrew, "to generation and generation." That is, forever. It is the same in every generation of the world.

Nancy Pearcey, in her book, '*Total Truth*,' wrote that Zogby poll revealed that 75% of American college seniors said their professors teach that *there is no such thing as right or wrong in a universal objective sense – that what is right and wrong depends on differences in individual values and cultural diversity.*

After reading that, I wondered, what happens when the people that they taught turn around and reject everything they taught them – because after all there is no such thing as being right or wrong. No wonder our youth think so differently from previous generations concerning courtship, marriage, having children, and living a wholesome, godly life. **How we think and believe determines how we live our life**. That is why an understanding of the "**truth**" is so important.

The truth we believe as Christians and followers of our Lord is one that has kept God's people throughout the generations. Jesus spoke of the faith of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. It is their kind of faith that we as Christians still hold to today because it endures to all generations. The crucial challenge of the Church is to present Christianity as a unified comprehensive truth that is true on all levels....which means it can stand up to rigorous rational and historical testing, while at the same time fulfilling our highest spiritual ideals. The challenges facing today's generation is completely different from the ones that I faced as a youngster. Life is undergoing changes all the time. Technology is changing some for the good and some for the bad. But God is still the same. His truth is the same and never changes. It endures to all generations. Amen.