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Sunday Lesson July 19, 2020

What Is Truth?

Scripture Reading before Invocation Prayer: I Timothy 4: 1-5

Scripture Lesson: St. John 18: 28 – 38 What is truth?

Subject: DO YOU REALLY KNOW THE CONDEMNATION AWAITING THOSE WHO REJECT THE TRUTH?

Text: I Timothy 2: 1-5 who would have all men to be saved and knowledgeable of the truth. (Ezekiel 18: 23, II Peter 3: 9) "Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?"

Introduction: II Timothy 2: 8 - 21 Study to be approved and rightly divide the word of truth.

Lesson Outline – GOD IS TRUTH!

- 1. Romans 3: 1-4 let God be true and every man a liar. St. John 7: 28-29, St. John 8: 24-32, 37-45, St. John 17: 14-17 thy word is truth.
- 2. St. John 14: 1-6, 15-17 I am the way the truth and the life.
- 3. I Timothy 6: 1-7 social dysfunctions are a result of men destitute of the truth
- 4. II Timothy 3: 1-9 ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- 5. II Peter 2: 1-9 the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.
- 6. II Thessalonians 2: 1-13 that they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

TRUTH – is that which corresponds to reality; as perceived by an omniscient God.

We often say "Tell it like it is" or "What it is" and "It is what it is". <u>There is an Is-ness to truth</u>; not an "it seems" or "perceivedness" nor "impression" but an accurate perception of reality.

Some say perception is reality – *if that's how I perceive it then it's true to me*. We live in a world of perception and relativity, where everyone has their own reality, and their own truth; and it is preferred above the absolute standard of reality.

Our eternal destiny will be determined by God's perspective of reality. Men suppress the truth (Romans 1: 18) when it becomes uncomfortable and threating to them. *Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every world that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.* (St. Matthew 4: 4) God wants all men to come to the knowledge of the Truth and to be saved thereby.