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**MONDAY**

**OPEN**

Truth, is it a concept, Beloved, in your life or is it a reality? Is it something that you just acknowledge exists or is it something that actually transforms the way that you walk? If truth is more than a concept, if it is a reality, do you know what the fruit of truth is in your life? It’s righteousness and it’s holiness. Hey, how are you doing in respect to truth? We’ll talk about it today.

**PART ONE**

“Truth” it’s a key repeated word in the book of Ephesians. What is a key word? A key word unlocks the meaning of the text. It’s a word that you look at and you study and you see where it’s used and it opens a door of insight. It throws light on what this book is all about or what God is trying to convey

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to us. And so if you downloaded your study guide, you’ve been marking “truth” as you’ve gone through Ephesians. If you have not downloaded your study guide, then you need to do so and you can do that absolutely free by going to our website “[preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com).” That’s “[preceptsforlife.com](http://preceptsforlife.com).” Now what we see in Ephesians as we look at truth we see that the fruit of truth is righteousness and holiness. This is so important for us to understand. This is a very important program and I will tell you why. It’s because truth has stumbled in the streets and that’s what Isaiah says, “**...truth has stumbled in the street[s].**” (Isaiah 59:14b) We’re living in a time and I’m sure you realize it when people do not want truth. When people say, “There is no right. There is no wrong. There are no absolutes. Everything is simply relative.” That is not true. “**...Thy Word is truth.**” (John 17:17b, KJV) This is what Jesus said when He prayed for you and He prayed for me. He said, “[Father,] **sanctify them...**,” set them apart, “**...through thy truth; thy word is truth.**” (John 17:17, KJV) The way that you got saved, the way that you came out of bondage and the reason that you no longer walk like the Gentiles walked, the reason that you have been transformed and you’re not the old new that you used to be but you’re the new you. It’s simply because you’ve heard the truth “**...and the truth [shall] set you free.**” (John 8:32, NIV) And when you hear the truth and the truth is Jesus Christ. Jesus stood and He said in John chapter 14, in verse 6, “**...I am the way, [I am] the truth, and [I am ] the life....**” (John 14:6a) And I want you to know behind me’s the Father and “**...no one comes to the Father [except] through Me.**” (John 14:6b) If you’re gonna come to the Father, you’re going to come to the Father through truth. You’re going to come to the Father only one way and that is through Jesus Christ. You’re going to have life only one way and that is through Jesus Christ. So before you come to Jesus Christ, when you’re standing out there you’re dead. When you come through Him to God, all of a sudden you’re no longer dead you’re alive. You have found the way and when you have found the way you are no longer

living in a lie and the fruit that that gives or bears but you are living in truth. You are living in holiness and righteousness of the truth. Let’s open our Bibles to Ephesians chapter 4. And in Ephesians chapter 4, I want you to see the use of the word “truth.” It says, **“But speaking the truth in love, we’re to grow up....” (Ephesians 4:15)** We know that that means truthing it in love. Then you see “truth” again in verse 24, well you see it first in verse 21 and then you see it in verse 24. Now I left you in verse 20 in our last teaching. So what I want us to do is to start in verse 20. In verse 20 of Ephesians 4 says, **“But you did not learn Christ ... this way.” (Ephesians 4:20)** What way? The way that the Gentiles walked. The way that they walk in the darkness of their understanding and the ignorance that’s in them because of the hardness of their heart. And they have given themselves over, now listen, because this so describes our society today. It says, **“And they...,”** speaking of these people who do not know God, **“...[have] become callous, [and they] have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.” (Ephesians 4:19)** In other words it means I can’t get enough. I gotta have it, I gotta have it, I gotta have it and the more I have it the more I’ve got to have. That’s sensuality that they have given themselves over to with greediness. You look at the serial killers. We read about them, we hear about them on television all the time or we read about them in the tabloids. And when we do what we see is this is a person that because of the ignorance that was within them because of the darkness that was in them because of the callousness they became more and more callous and they started committing a sin. They started doing a particular thing. They allowed hatred or anger or their past or bitterness or something to well up in them or they got on the internet. They saw something and they couldn’t get enough and so they went from one thing to another thing until eventually they’re doing what is evil. They are doing what’s wrong but it doesn’t satisfy. So it becomes the whole preoccupation of their life. Listen, this is what sin can take you to. Sin can

become serial if it goes unchecked and this is what he’s talking about. It’s saying that these people living by their sensuality go after this with a greediness that just cannot be satisfied. So when you look at someone like that, when you read about their life or when you see a movie, a grotesque movie that is made of them or that analyzes them you know that they’re living in darkness. You know that they’ve rejected truth and they have embraced a lie and then they have walked in sensuality according to their desires and their desires have led them to what it says, **“...For the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness,” (Ephesians 4:19b)** every kind of impurity with greediness. **“But you did not learn Christ that way, if indeed you have heard Him....” (Ephesians 4:20-21a)** Now listen, you didn’t learn Christ that way if you really heard Him. He says, **“...And [if you] have been taught by Him, just as truth is in Jesus. (Ephesians 4:21b)** And what he’s saying is this. That you can’t live in overt sin. You can’t live in open disobedience to God’s commandments and say that you’re walking in truth. You can’t live in immorality in any form adultery, incest, bestiality, homosexuality, lesbianism, you know, any kind of pornographic perversion. You can’t live in that kind of greed and say that you belong to Jesus Christ. You say, “But you know I just have these desires and God gave me these desires and God made me this way.” Precious One, you are deceived. He did not make you that way. God does not forbid in the Scriptures or call something an abomination that He would give you or permit you to have. You’ve got to deal with it as sin. And so he’s saying this. **“If indeed you have heard Him and [you] have been taught ... Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life....” (Ephesians 4:21-22a)** Now the minute I read that if you’ve been doing your study, if you’ve been marking the text, if you’ve been looking at key words, you see that word “former” and you say, “Hey, I know that word.” Because that word is used earlier in Ephesians chapter 2 it says, **“...You formerly walked according to the course of this world....”**

(Ephesians 2:2) He says, “...[We formerly too] **lived in the lusts of our flesh....**” (Ephesians 2:3) In verse 11, “[You] **remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh....**” (Ephesians 2:11a) So we see this word “formerly” and so what he’s saying is I’m pointing you back to your former life I’m pointing you back to your BC days, before Christ days. And what he’s saying is, “**That, in reference to your former manner of life...,**” and I’m back in Ephesians chapter 4, verse 22, “**...you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts...,**” now listen, their lusts, “**...of deceit.**” (Ephesians 4:22) When you walk by the lusts of your heart and the lusts of your mind and the lusts of your flesh, listen. You are being deceived. You are going into greater, greater darkness and if this is the way you’re living and you’re headed towards that darkness he wants you to know hey, you really didn’t get saved. Because when you really get saved this is what happens. When you really get saved you lay aside, you take off that old man, what you were, and you put on a new man. You put on a new person. That’s what happens in 2 Corinthians chapter 5, verse 17. “**...If any man [or any woman] be in Christ ... old things [have] passed away; behold, all things [have] become new.**” (2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV) I was immoral. I went from one man to another man after I divorced my first husband on the advice of two ministers. They did not advise me according to the Word of God and one of them tried to seduce me and he succeeded to a degree. Now that was my former life. When I got saved my adultery stopped, my immorality stopped, my swearing stopped, the way that I lived. My whole lifestyle changed. And when I found that verse, 2 Corinthians 5:17 I thought Oow, God. You had to put that in the Bible just to describe me. I was such a novice in Christ, such a babe that I didn’t know that it is the truth for every Christian. It is a description of every true child of God and this is what he’s saying, “**...In reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self...,**” the old man, “**...which is being corrupted in ... the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your**

mind.” (Ephesians 4:22-23) We’ll talk about it when we come back,  
Precious One.

## **PART TWO**

You know as I was thinking on the break about that old man being corrupted I couldn’t help but remember the time that we had a horrible stench in our house. It was just awful and we couldn’t find out what it was but we knew it was something that was dying or that was dead and decaying and all of a sudden had these huge black flies all over the house. We had searched the attic. We had searched under the house. We had searched every place but you know what? There was a vent next to our fireplace that we had covered up with a picture and a possum got in there and he died. It was awful. I mean just absolutely awful and so the maggots got there and then the maggots hatched and what did we have with the these horrible black flies and this horrible stench. That’s what happens to the old man as we keep walking away from the truth and away from the light, we are being corrupted according to the lusts of our flesh. And we get just stinkier and stinkier and stinkier and harder and harder to live with and to be around if there’s no fear of God in our lives, if there’s no standards we’ve set, if there’s no upbringing that tells us that this is right and this is wrong. Well what he’s telling us as we look at Ephesians chapter 4, he’s saying now look, I don’t want you to walk like you used to walk anymore. I don’t want you to walk like the way the world is walking. You didn’t learn Christ this way. What did you learn? You learned that when you got saved you laid aside the old man, the old self. When you got saved you put on the new self. Now you’ve got to walk that way. You’ve got to remember that. You can’t let yourself go. So this is what he’s saying. This is the “...**Truth [that] is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life...,**” I’m in verse 22 of Ephesians 4, “...**you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted....**”

(Ephesians 4:21b-22) In other words the body’s decaying. It’s corrupting just like that possum did. And it says, “...**Which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed...**,” (Ephesians 4:22-23a) and that’s a present infinitive. Now what does that mean? Well it means that you keep on being renewed. It means that more and more and more as we’ve been studying, you’re growing up and you’re more and more and more growing into the stature of the measure of Jesus Christ. It says that you keep on being “...**Renewed in the spirit of your mind.**” (Ephesians 4:23b) Now this is where truth is. “**And...**,” that you, “...**put on the new self [the new man] which in the likeness of God...**,” (Ephesians 4:24) This new man is in the likeness of God, “...**Which in the likeness of God has been created...**,” now listen carefully. This is the way I opened up this program. “...**In righteousness and holiness of the truth.**” (Ephesians 4:24) What does truth produce in your life? It produces righteousness and it produces holiness. If there’s no holiness and there’s no righteousness in your life then there’s no truth. And if there’s no truth, you’re being corrupted. So let’s look now because it’s very important for you to understand this concept of the old man and the new man or the old self and the new self. Now if you downloaded the study guide you’ve looked at these passages but let’s review them for just a minute because the old man is only mentioned in three passages. It’s mentioned in Romans 6, it’s mentioned in Ephesians 4 and it’s mentioned in Colossians chapter 3. And in every case you see the old man crucified and you see the new man alive because of your association with Christ. So in Romans he has just said that “...**Where sin [did abound], grace did much more abound.**” (Romans 5:20b, KJV) So it provokes this question. Romans is a series of questions. It’s like taking the gospel and putting it on trial and then having it be interrogated and defending the gospel. And so what Paul does is he presents these questions and then he answers them. He anticipates the question that is going to come against the gospel which is salvation by grace and not by

works. And so he says, **“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin ... that grace [might] increase? (Romans 6:1)** And it says, **“May it never be...! (Romans 6:2a)** And then he says, **“...How shall we who died to sin ... live [any longer] in it?” (Romans 6:2b)** In other words when you came to know God, you were united in Christ’s death. You died to sin. He says in verse 5, **“For if we have become united in Him in the likeness of His death....” (Romans 6:5a)** Christ died on that cross because God knew you before the foundation of the world, remember Ephesians that he has, **“...Blessed us with every spiritual blessing in ...[Christ] Jesus, just as He chose us in [Christ] before the foundation of the world....” (Ephesians 1:3b-4a)** So you were saved before the foundation of the world in the mind and heart of God. So when Jesus Christ died you died with Him. [If we’ve been united in His death then you will be united in His resurrection.] (PARAPHRASE, Romans 6:5) So Christ died; you died with Him. Christ was buried; you were buried with Him. Christ was raised to walk in newness of life, you were raised to walk in newness of life also in the holiness and righteousness of truth. This is what he’s saying. So let’s go back to Romans chapter 6. He says, **“Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with....”(Romans 6:6a)** Rendered inoperative is what it means. **“...So that we [should] no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.” (Romans 6:6b-7)** Why? Because the old man died and there’s a new man. And so he goes on to say, **“Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.” (Romans 6:8)** So we are resurrected to walk in newness of life. Old self – new self and then he goes on and he talks about how we are to present ourselves now as slaves of righteousness instead of slaves of unrighteousness. Now from there I want you to go to Colossians chapter 3. This is what he says in verse 9, **“Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self [the old man] with it’s evil practices, and [you] have put on the new self....” (Colossians 3:9-**



**10a)** He always calls it putting on and you put it on when you receive Christ. The old man dies and you put on the new self. “...**Who is being renewed...**” the same phrase that you see in Ephesians, “...**to a true knowledge...**,” a true, true knowledge, “...**according to the image of the One who created him.**” (Colossians 3:10) So what is Ephesians saying? That this is the holiness and righteousness of truth is that you now having “...**put on the new self [are] ...created in [this] righteousness and holiness of...truth.**” (Ephesians 4:24) Well he goes on to say in verse 25, “**Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.**” (4:25) And there he’s talking about being in the body of Jesus Christ, Beloved. What is he saying? He is saying that it is so essential that you understand that when you are walking and living in truth that righteousness and holiness are the fruit of that kind of a life and if there’s no holiness and there’s no righteousness then you’re not in the truth. It’s just a concept. It is not a reality and today’s the day to make it reality. Cry, call upon the name of the Lord and you will be saved from what you used to be to what you can be in Christ.