

"BUY THE TRUTH"

Int.

1. Aim: To show why we should buy the truth fully and nothing else !
2. Pro. 23:23 "Buy the truth, and sell [it] not; [also] wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."
3. If we could buy anything and everything we wanted what would we buy?
 - a. Some would buy - homes, cars, jewelry, computer, power, pleasure, toys, games
 - b. The best possible buy would be the truth - The BIBLE - God's Word
4. Truth is the most valuable thing we can buy
5. Let us look at this phrase: "Buy the truth and sell it not" as it applies to our spiritual welfare.

Discussion

I. BUY

- A. Pay the price - - purchase, attain, procure
- B. What does it cost?

1. Money

- a. Matt. 19:21-22 - rich young ruler - " Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions
- b. Go sell and give to poor - money was standing in his way of eternal life and he had to give Up his money.
- c. If money is in our way and keeps us from being faithful to the Lord, then we must give that up for eternal life.

- d. Jesus taught that there would be some expense involved in becoming a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. It will cost you....

2. Friendship with the World

- a. Jas. 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."
- b. Love of this present world will cause us to forsake Christ
 - (1) 1 Jn. 2:15-17
 - (2) World = lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of life.
 - (3) These worldly things will pass away
 - (4) We cannot love the world and Christ at the same time.

3. Family

- a. If it costs us our family it is still a bargain
- b. May have to give up mother, father, husband or wife.
- c. They may turn away from you because you obey the truth and they do not.
- d. Lk. 14:26-33 - Matt. 10:37 Hate = love less

4. Own Life

- a. If you love your life more than you love the Lord you cannot be his disciple
- b. Lk. 14:26-33 We must be faithful to the point of death - be willing to give up our life to obey the truth.
- c. Rev. 2:10

5. Our Freedom

- a. Go to prison for the truth
 - b. Acts 21:13 "Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."
 - c. We must love the truth enough to go to prison for it !
 - d. We must be willing to die for the truth !
 - e. We will if we love the truth !
- C. To buy the truth requires a great sacrifice on our part.

II. WHAT IS THE TRUTH ?

- A. Truth is not necessarily:
1. What some other religious person tells us it is - Gal. 1:8
 2. Determined by what society may think - Philosophy - Col. 2:8
 3. Determined by our sincerity - Acts 23:1 1 Tim. 1:13
- B. The truth is...
1. The word, the Bible, the revelation of God's will to us
 2. John 14:6 Jesus proclaims that he is the "the truth"....
 3. The truth of Jesus Christ was given to us by the inspired apostles who were guided into all truth - John 16:12-14
 4. In John 17:17 Jesus says: "Sanctify them in the truth: Thy word is truth."

C. The Truth about...

1. The Church
2. Plan of Salvation
3. Worship
4. Church Organization
5. II Pet. 1:3 "all things that pertain to life and godliness."

D. Some argue that men cannot know the truth

1. The Bible plainly says we can - Jn. 8:32
2. Can know what to do to be saved and stay saved
3. Definite body of Doctrine
 - a. Not just a religious message
 - b. Jesus did not give the great commission to the apostles to go out and preach just a message but they were told to preach the Gospel.
 - c. Jesus did not tell the apostles just to go out and persuade people to be religious ! He taught them to persuade people to become Christians !

III. TRUTH HAS TO BE BOUGHT COMPLETELY

A. Truth must be fully accepted and bought - - - conviction - it all comes together

B. Matt. 7:13-27

1. One gate = one way to everlasting life V. 13 & 14
2. One inviter = one and only one way
3. Every other way is the broad way - wide gate
4. Beware of false prophets - v. 15

- a. There is a move under way in the church to get us to regard ourselves as another denomination among many denominations.
 - b. It is not true !!!! The devil would just as soon get you one way as another.
 - c. If the devil gets you to follow some false plan of religion, like the men of the world teach, then he doesn't have anything to worry about. These men do not teach the plan of salvation !
 - d. These false prophets in sheeps clothing claim to teach the truth but they are not.
 - e. Many teach that you just trust in Jesus as your personal Saviour and you'll be saved. There is nothing like that in the N.T !!!
 - f. If a person believes in God, and in the Bible, but stops short of obedience, he is not a child of God.
 - g. We only become a Child of God when we are baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins - Gal. 3:26 "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."
5. Not every religious person will be saved
- a. Matt. 7:21-23 - no way to please God except to do HIS WILL
 - b. We must obey the truth - - not our feelings

IV. BUY ALL THE TRUTH

- A. Some men reject all the truth, others reject parts of it
1. God & Bible - some say they believe in God, but reject the Bible as His word !
 2. Some say they believe the Bible, but do not accept it as being inspired.
 3. The Virgin birth of Christ is believed by some but others deny it.
 4. Necessity of baptism - most deny - not essential ! Gideon Bibles.
 5. Necessity of repentance - some go on living in whatever sin in which they were living
 6. Many look at the Bible like going through a cafeteria line getting a meal. They pick and choose what they like ! That's wrong.
- B. The Truth is a body of doctrine to be believed and obeyed
1. This truth does not change and will not change. It does not change regardless of what other people may say, what society may think, or how sincere one's belief might be.
 2. The truth is the truth is the truth today, tomorrow and forever.
 3. It is not out of date and does not need to be updated.
- C. Bible instances of men not obeying all the truth.
1. Nadab and Abihu - Lev. 10
 2. David and Uzzah - 1 Chron. 13 & 15
 3. Saul - 1 Sam. 15
 4. These examples show that the truth cannot be changed or altered by men !

D. Buy all of the truth and nothing else

1. Buy truth and put something else with it makes it error
2. Wrong to fail to buy all the truth, but also wrong to buy something in addition to the truth
3. II John 9-11 - Rev. 22:18-19
4. We cannot pollute - add a little extra
5. We cannot dilute - take some away

V. SELL IT NOT - Pro. 23:23

A. Truth must be kept as a precious possession no matter what the cost

1. The truth will only benefit us if we turn to it, learn from it, and obey it.
2. Rev. 2:10 - even if it costs us our life we must never sell the truth.
3. II Tim. 4:6-8
4. We must continue to abide in the truth - III John 4

B. You will be the loser if you sell the truth for...

1. Wealth, Fame, Pleasure, Power
2. Ease
3. Popularity
4. Pride
5. Or family

Conclusion

1. Buy the truth now - Prov. 23:23
2. If you've been playing around with the truth you need to make that decision now to obey
 - a. Today you have the opportunity
 - b. None of us may have it 5 minutes from now
3. Tomorrow may never come - Jas. 4:13-14 - life is like a vapor
4. Heb. 9:27
 - a. Death - judgment
 - b. Die only once
5. John 8:32
6. Poem - Truth Never Dies

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