

Truth will set you free

Sojourner Truth (born in 1797) was an American preacher. Born into slavery and give the name Isabella Baumfree, she ran away when her master refused to acknowledge New York's emancipation act of 1827. After settling in New York City she adopted her new name as symbolic of her spiritual mission which consisted of traveling through the United States during the 19th century preaching on behalf of abolition of slavery and women's rights. After the civil war she continued to work on behalf of both blacks and women. She claimed that she acted in obedience to visions and voices from God and she claimed to speak the truth from God.

In Indonesia there are 5 religions recognized and registered with the government. Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. All 5 claim to be the true religion and speak and teach the truth. Yet the teaching is not the same and widely differ one from the other. Which one is the true religion?

Of course there are many people who claim to speak the truth. From the teachings of Jesus we learn that Jesus Christ proclaimed Himself as being the truth. This means that **TRUTH IS A PERSON.**

WE MAY KNOW THE TRUTH

John 8: 28-32, "So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him." Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free...so if the Son sets you free you will be free indeed**

HOW CAN WE KNOW THE TRUTH?

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We must hold to the teachings of Jesus Christ and become His disciples. Then we will be set free from all that is not the truth.

- Free from condemnation and punishment
- Free from guilt
- Free from bondage
- Free from burdens
- Free from worries and anxieties
- Free from fear
- Free from the love of money
- Free from sin

JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUTH

John 14:6, "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life"

The Lord Jesus said 102 times in the 4 Gospels: "I tell you the truth"

Jesus Christ spoke the truth and lived the truth. He never told a lie and never committed a sin. He was truly holy and perfect. Truly the sinless prophet.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

John 16:13, "But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth"

The bodies of the believers are temples of the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ desire to live His in and through us in the power of the Holy Spirit. Only then will we be holy and speaking and living the truth

GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH

John 17:17, "Sanctify them by the truth, your word is truth"

It is important for us to read the Word of God, to meditate upon His Word, to memorize the Word and to proclaim the Word of God.

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION IS THE WORD OF TRUTH

Ephesians 1:13, "And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." The Gospel is the Good News about the crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

GOD WANT ALL MEN TO COME TO A KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH

1 TIMOTHY 1:4, "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth." God is not willing that any person perishes in hell but he wants all men and women, boys and girls to come to a knowledge of the truth, the Way of Salvation.

THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR AND FOUNDATION OF THE TRUTH

1 Timothy 3:15, "The church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth."

The Lord has commanded the church and members of the church to proclaim the truth everywhere. The Church of Jesus Christ is like a Light House in the darkness.

WALKING IN THE TRUTH BRINGS GREAT JOY

1 John 1:3, "It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. ⁴ I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

We have great personal joy, peace, hope, satisfaction, and a secure future when we walk and live according to the truth of the Word of God.