

The Message Notes

Series: Come Holy Spirit

Message: *Spirit of Truth*

Sunday: June 14, 2020

Scripture: St. John 14:6 (NLT)



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Introduction: Last week, we discussed “**Baptism** of the Holy Spirit.” This week, our lesson covers the **Spirit of Truth**. This lesson covers the importance of **truth**, its **reality**, and **absoluteness**.

Review:

1. **Who** is the Holy Spirit? He is a **person** of the **Godhead** and **co-creator** of the universe. He carries out the work of salvation on behalf of Christ on earth. (St. John 16:8)
2. **Born** of the Holy Spirit. When you **receive** the **gospel** by **repentance** and **belief** in Christ, **simultaneously** you’re **reborn** of the **Holy Spirit**. (Ephesians 1:13)
3. **Baptism** of the Holy Spirit – When you’re **born** of the Spirit, you’re **baptized** by the Spirit. References: Acts 1:5, 2:4

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What is the Spirit of truth? “**Spirit of truth** reveals the **reality** of life according to **God’s plan** for life through **Christ**.”

John 18:37. Pilate said, “So you are a king?” Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to **testify** to the **truth**. All who **love** the **truth** recognize that what I say is **true**.” **38.** “**What is truth?**” Pilate asked. (NLT)

Biblical Truth (Genesis 1-3):

- **Originality** – In the beginning God created (creationism)
- **Sexuality** – he made them male and female (identity)
- **Productivity** – be fruitful and multiply (right to life)
- **Activity** – govern over the earth (kingdom)
- **Morality** – tree of life or good and evil (absolute)
- **Mortality** – body returns to the earth (sin)

- **Eternity** – spirit returns to God (salvation)

Education: Proverbs 1:7. The **fear** of the **Lord** is the **beginning** of **knowledge**; **fools** despise wisdom and instruction. (ESV)

Postmodern truth (Tree of good and evil – Intelligent Deception):

- **Humanism** - science and reason
- **Secularism** - culture removes God from education
- **Relativism** – do “whatever” or “do you” - tolerance
- **Pluralism** – every truth claimed is equally valid

Consequences of postmodern truth: References: 1:18-20, 24-28, 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12

“God has put enough in the world to make faith in Him reasonable and left enough out to make it impossible to live by reason alone.”

Ravi Zacharias

“Knowing truth matters because you don’t want to be on the receiving end of a lie.” **Ravi Zacharias**

Application of the Message:

PT1. Truth is _____ **St. John 14:17.** even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the **world cannot receive**, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. (ESV)
Reference: 1 Corinthians 2:9-14

PT2. Truth is _____ **St. John 14:6.** Jesus told him, “I am the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**. No one can come to the Father except through me. (NLT) References: St John 15:26, Matthew 11:28

“**Jesus is the truth.** In Him there was no mismatch between who He is and what He said. He is utterly trustworthy. His actions and speech are one and are entirely reliable.”

“**Whatever Jesus says I’m going to do it.**”

PT3. Truth is _____ **John 8:31.** Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my **disciples** if you remain faithful to **my teachings**. **32.** And you will **know the truth**, and the **truth will set you free.**”
References: 2 Timothy 2:15, St. John 4:24, Ephesians 6:14

“**Spiritual truth exists** passionately within you. You personify the truth; you’re living it, you follow it, and this truth informs you of all the decisions you make in life.”

Next Week: Father’s Day – Special Speaker: Bishop David M. Copeland