

The Necessity of Truth ^{2nd} John Workers for the Truth

Sunday: 07//28/24 – Pastor Saolomon Mouacheupao

Truth is Essential for Love and Salvation.

Overview

This week, Pastor Saolomon kicked off a two-part series, "Workers for the Truth," from 2nd and 3rd John. In this week's message from 2 John, we examined biblical truth. Pastor Saolomon showed us that biblical truth is coupled with love and is essential for salvation. From this message, we understand that truth is biblical, meaning we must hold on to that standard. Truth is not "our truth" or "your truth"; truth is Jesus. It is by this standard of Jesus that we see love—truth in action. We see that wrapped up in the Gospel is love: Christ's work of living, sacrificing himself, and his resurrection. With the truth of the Gospel as our lens, we develop a Christian worldview, seeing the world through the facts and reality of God's love for his people. The truth of the Gospel is so essential that we are even called to withhold hospitality to ensure biblical truth is upheld.

Oxford Dictionary: Truth - That which accords with fact or reality
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Outline:

Truth: *John 17:17, John 14:6, 2 John 1:9*

1. Truth is essential for love (v1-6)
 - a. Living in truth and love: *John 13:34*
 - b. You cannot love without truth v6a: *John 14:15*
 - c. You don't have truth if you don't love (v6b): *Romans 13:8*
2. Truth is essential for salvation (v7-13):
 - a. False teaching (v7): *1 John 2:18-19*
 - b. Watch Yourself before you complain too much about the world, watch yourself (v8-9)
 - c. Don't support false teachers (v10)

Discussion Questions

1. As we look to proclaim the truth, we received a warning to watch ourselves before we complain too much about the world.
 - a. Can you share a time when you used "the hammer" when sharing your faith or when someone share that way with you?
 - b. Why can we turn to the hammer when we share God's love?
2. In this message we learned that truth has a standard and what scripture "means to us" does not contribute to a biblical worldview. We also learned that as we grow in knowledge we are being pointed to Christ.
 - a. What scripture has recently helped you grow in love for others?
 - b. Does knowing that Jesus gave his church the new commandment to love each other change how you think about the church or how think about sharing your faith?
3. Pastor Saolomon explained the relationship between love and truth and the warnings against false teachings.
 - a. What steps do you need to take to grow in your knowledge of the truth?
 - b. In what way can you step out in obedience to Jesus commandment to love each other?
4. Did anything else stand out or challenge you in the sermon?