**LIVE IN THE TRUTH**

**2 Corinthians 13:8**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. [We] need to realize there is “***TRUTH***” in the Spiritual realm.

 A. This “***TRUTH***” gives the answers to the mysteries of the soul and to the unseen world.

**BODY:**

**1. WHAT IS THE TRUTH?**

A. When using the words: Word of God, “truth” or gospel, I am referring to that which will

 make MAN free (Jn 8:32; 17:17; Eph 1:13).

 B. As [we] think of “truth” [we] ask from where did it come?

 1. This, as well as everything else, had to come from some place.

 2. According to the Apostle John, “truth” came by Jesus (Jn 1:17).

C. With “truth” in mind, [we] must ask, what will it do for MAN?

 1. As already noted, [it] will set MAN free (Jn 8:32).

 A. [We] are faced with the question of what are [we] being set free from?

 1. The guilt of and service to sin (Jn 8:33-36).

 2. “Truth” will sanctify MAN.

 A. The term sanctification simply means to set apart for the service of God.

 1. God’s Word will reveal this to MAN (1 Jn 2:16).

 3. “Truth” will purify MAN (1 Pet 1:22).

 4. [It] protects MAN (Eph 6:14).

 D. To think of “truth’ requires obedience to be of any benefit (Rom 6:17; Heb 5:9).

 1. It is evident, if there is to be any results, [it] must be obeyed (Mt 7:21).

**2. HOW SOME HAVE REACTED TO TRUTH**

A. Throughout time, MAN has reacted differently to the “truth”.

 1. In God’s Word, some have received and obeyed the “truth” (Ac 2:41; Rom 6:17).

 A. Some became infuriated by the “truth” (Ac 7:54).

 B. Some resisted the “truth” (2 Tim 3:8); turned their ears from [it] (2 Tim 4:4).

 C. Some erred in regard to the “truth” (Jas 5:19); spoke evil of [it] (2 Pet 2:2).

**3. TRUTH IS NECESSARY FOR LIFE AND GODLINESS**

 A. [We] find God's Truth pertaining to LIFE and Godliness (2 Pet 1:3).

 1. Church membership (Ac 2:47); Baptism's role in salvation (Ac 2:38).

 2. The fruit of the Spirit in contrast to the works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-23).

 3. The necessity of worship (Heb 10:25).

 4. The Christian Graces (2 Pet 1:5 – 10).

**4. WALK IN THE TRUTH**

A. An apostolic commendation concerning those who walked in [it] (3 Jn 3, 4) is to:

 1. Walk by FAITH (Rom 4:12).

 2. Walk in newness of LIFE (Rom 6:4).

 3. Walk after the Spirit (Rom 8:4).

 4. Walk in LOVE (Eph 5:2).

 5. Walk as Children of LIGHT (Eph 5:8).

 6. Walk WORTHY of the Lord (Col 1:10).

 7. Walk in the LIGHT (1 Jn 1:7).

 8. Walk after the COMMANDMENTS (2 Jn 6).

**CONCLUSION:**

1. As [we] conclude, [we] look at the ultimate end of truth (2 The 2:13).

 A. It will save some (2 The 2:13); some will be condemned (2 The 2:12).