The Pillar And Ground Of The Truth

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INTRODUCTION

- If there is one identity that we have, one absolute obligation and responsibility that we all share, it is to be truth seekers, to be seekers of God's kingdom.
- The household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

1 Painfully Honest With the Scripture

- In order for us to be a New Testament church, we're first going to have to be painfully honest with the scripture.
- It is imperative that we bring ourselves into conformity with the truth. Not for the sake of tradition.
- When tradition runs afoul of the truth, it's tradition that loses and the truth that wins.
- We are not called upon to hold up a limited subset, no matter how true it might be.

2 All Scripture Is Inspired by God

2 Timothy 3:10–17

- All scripture is inspired by God. And profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness. That the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
- God put his seal of approval upon this book so that you and I could know what's expected of us. He didn't give us some creed.
- He called us to be those that would stand for the truth.
- Are we preparing ourselves with study and training and dedication to be people of God?

3 The Truth That Convicts or Traditions That Are Comfortable

- Do we embrace the truth that convicts or traditions that are comfortable?
- If we're only accepting of them because it's what we've always heard, then we're not allowing the truth to speak for itself.
- That's denominationally minded. That's not taking them to the whole truth.
- What's lacking is that we have a woefully inadequate sense of authority.

4 Baptism: God's Work, an Appeal to God, a Rebirth

Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21; Titus 3:5

- Baptism isn't my work. I don't do anything in baptism except submit to authority. God does the work.
- Baptism now saves you. Not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience.

- He saved us, not on the basis of deeds, which we have done in righteousness. But according to his mercy, by the washing of regeneration.
- True belief, true acceptance is more than just accepting tradition for tradition's sake. It's accepting what's true because it's true.
- In our strident efforts to stand up against denominationalism that we know to be false, are we reducing the truth of God down to something that's less than what it is?

5 Why Are We Here? Itching to Hear

2 Timothy 4:1–5

- Preach the word. Be ready in season and out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort with great patience and instruction.
- For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires.
- What we want to hear is rarely what we need to hear, and what we need to hear is rarely, if ever, what we want to hear.
- When the truth says something contrary to what we believe and what we think, are we willing to accept it?

6 Spiritual Growth and Edification

Ephesians 4:11–16

- Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects unto him who is the head, even Christ.
- Are we committed to the spiritual growth and edification of our brothers and sisters?
- Are we lifting each other up and encouraging each other to press toward the truth, to grow to the truth?

THE CHALLENGE

Are we the pillar and ground of the truth? Or are we just pretending?

MY NOTES