Value of the Truth!

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The *value* of God's Truth could never be *computed* because the *length* of eternity cannot be *measured*. Only the Truth from *God's* Word can save us from eternity in the Lake of Fire—a serious statement, but an important truth that must be understood!

Jesus prayed to the Father: John 17:17 "Sanctify [My followers] through thy truth: thy word is truth;" and John 18:37 "Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." God's eternal Truth is priceless and beyond any human value system. That Truth is from the Scriptures—and it is our responsibility to read it, believe it, value it, and live it every day by the power of His Spirit.

Eternal life is a *gift* from God and given to anyone willing to *believe* Him, and ready to put *faith* in His Blood sacrifice—and knowing they will *have* to endure tests of faith in God's strength to prove their sincerity. This Truth is *eternal* and *cannot* be changed. Malachi 3:6 "I am the LORD, I change not." This Truth is lived by faith in Christ—Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life,

which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

Satan has deceived many millions over many generations—he convinces them that there is no ultimate truth—but believing that *lie* is to reject God's *Truth*. Matthew 7:15 "Beware of the false teachers—men who come to you in sheep's fleeces, but beneath that disguise they are ravenous wolves." Luke 21:8 "See to it that you are not misled"—by false messages everywhere today!

As our Lord stood before Pilate, Jesus said John 18:37 "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

Worldly *people* want to live worldly *lives*, but God has clearly stated *the plan* and *His Truth*, and He *requires* that we *believe* Him and *trust* Him in faith for everything. Luke 14:26 "If any man come to me, and hate not his [closest relatives], and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."

The world does *not believe* God's Truth and will *not trust* an unseen God—even if He *is* the *Creator* of all things; the *Sustainer* of all life; and the *Source* of all Truth. Most people do *not* want to hear "God said," because they do *not* want to *live* His *Truth* of trust on the Atonement of His Son.

Matthew 18:3 "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." And Matthew 19:14 "Jesus said, [Allow] little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

We will all give account for every careless word Matthew 12:37 "For by thy words thou shalt be justified [declared righteous; acquitted], and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." We often say things that would condemn us, so we need to repent and to confess any unkind, insulting, or angry words—and start encouraging people.

Matthew 15:18-20 "Those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications [immorality], thefts, false witness [perjury], blasphemies [slander; evil speakings]: These are the things which defile a man."

God is the *Creator*, *Healer*, *Protector*, and *Sustainer* of life, and His Son made the blood sacrifice to save our soul. Now it is *our* choice—to ask for and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit so we can *value* the Truth as we *should* and be inspired to *trust* God in faith as we *must*.

If God created all life; if Jesus paid the penalty for all sins; and if the Holy Spirit only can inspire faith in us to trust on an unseen God for all things, then it *is* possible to *live* a righteous life—by choosing to live by *faith* in the Lord Jesus. The Spirit is waiting to "Guide you into all truth" John 16:13.

Only by *believing* and *trusting* in the Lord Jesus would anyone enter the Kingdom. John 18:37 "All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." God's kingdom is exclusive—we enter only with an ID of believing faith on the living God. John 12:46 "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."

We first *choose* to believe, then we *accept* the gift of His Spirit—Who *inspires* faith in us to believe God and Who enables us to persevere through trials. Faith in the Atonement Blood of Christ is the only *scriptural* way to *health*, *healing*, and *Heaven*—because *faith* in His Blood sacrifice is the only way to *purity* of heart.

When the apostle Paul was converted, Jesus sent him to the Gentiles Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins & an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."

Turning to the *light* would mean turning to *God* for all issues of life. Jesus paid for our conversion of heart by His sacrifice on the cross. He told us to *repent* because He will *return* for those doing Matthew 12:50 "The will of my Father which is in heaven." The will of the Father is that we forgive others *from the heart*, because His Son has forgiven us *from the cross*.

Jesus said *give* to those who ask—to prove we love *Him* more than we love *money*; He said to show *mercy* toward people to prove that divine *love* is in our heart; He told us to *share* with anyone in need to show *compassion* in our heart; and He said *not* to store financial *assets* to prove we really *do trust God* in faith for each day's needs Matthew 6.

He said to be the *peacemaker*; to desire *righteousness* by our trust on Him; to *rejoice* when insulted because only *believers* are persecuted by *unbelievers*. He told us to be a spiritual *light* by living God's *Truth* so that others will see how to *trust* an unseen God.

If the spiritual light we *once* had is allowed to burn *out*; or our salt loses its flavor Matthew 5:13 "It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. Salt prevents corruption, so we should not criticize others or vilify and tarnish their reputation.

God's *Truth* requires real *trust*—on Him; and that includes repentance, forsaking sins, and showing spiritual fruit by a continuing faith in Him. *God* gives the ability—we just make the choice. Hebrews 11:24-25 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Galatians 6:8 "He that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Sowing to please the Spirit means trusting God for healing—not trusting medication or drugs. Faith in

Christ means trusting God for food—not using food stamps or Welfare money. God's Truth includes divine protection by our faith in Him—not faith in firearms and insurance policies.

Everyone needs to trust God for real conversion of heart—from a *rebellious* one that will *not trust* Him, to a *submissive* one that *will* trust Him. It is a *choice* and a *change* of direction. Romans 8:6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Our righteousness must be *more* than a pious appearance—it *must* be a total *transformation*—from a *rebellious* heart to an *obedient* spirit. If we are sincere in wanting to trust in faith on our unseen God, He will inspire us to *do* that. Romans 8:9 "Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

With God's Spirit in *control*, we gladly *do* God's *will*—just as the first-century believers *did* God's will by selling their possessions so they could help others Acts 2:44-47. And Romans 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you."

Who we want in control of our life—is the issue every day—a *defiant rebellious* nature or a *divine obedient* one! We are to *hunger* for right-eousness by *wanting* to trust God. With the Spirit in control Romans 8:12 "We have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it." Our obligation is to trust God due to the huge price Jesus paid for our soul.

Jesus told us to Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." Our choice every day and facing any situation is to avoid wrong and unscriptural choices. Romans 8:13 "For if ye live after the flesh (choosing the wrong way), ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify [remove, eliminate,

eradicate, destroy] the [evil] deeds of the body, ye shall live."

Jesus expanded on the Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17. If we are *angry* at someone "Without a cause" Matthew 5:22, we are in danger of judgment; if we are mad enough to say, "Thou fool, [we] shall be in danger of hell fire." That is why Matthew 12:37 "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

If we look upon another with lust Matthew 5:28-29, Jesus said we have already *committed* adultery. If anything *causes* us to sin, we are to take drastic action to get *rid* of it. Whatever is tempting *to us*, must be eliminated *by us*. We are better off *without* them than to *keep* them—keep sinning and have our "Whole body to be cast into hell."

God's *love* for us and His *power* to deliver, heal, provide, and protect us—can *never* change. "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" Romans 8:37. It is whether we love God enough, and to love His *Truth* enough, to *live* it every day.

If that *change* has *taken place*, then we gladly trust God in faith—For health and healing—*without* prescription drugs; We will gladly trust God for protection—*without* firearms or security systems; We will gladly trust God for food and finances—*without* stored cash or Welfare checks.

And we will trust God for salvation by a believing, trusting, and persisting faith in the shed Blood of His Son. The infinite *value* of God's Truth cannot be *computed* because the *length* of eternity cannot be *measured—That* is how *valuable* God's Truth *is!*

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