

Truth

John 1:14-And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)

Each year on Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, we hear from St. John's Gospel. (Jn.1:1-17) St. John's Gospel describes the Lord Jesus Christ being full of grace and truth. Jesus Christ's grace and truth are fundamental interests of serious believers. The believer's healthy daily life depends on Jesus Christ's grace and truth. Jesus Christ's grace and truth merit being at the desired foundation of daily life.

John 16:13-Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come: (KJV)

Believer's daily thoughts and actions are beneficial when guided by grace and truth. Daily choices determine whether the path to God's Kingdom is followed faithfully. The believer's thoughts and actions become the record for the final judgment. Embracing the grace and truth resting in the Lord Jesus Christ leads to eternal life. Serious seekers of truth are mindful of the essential guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I John 1:8-If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (KJV)

Truth and honesty with the self are necessary if the way of Christ is to be followed. Acknowledging and taking personal responsibility for sin is needed for repentance. Recognition of the need for Christ's mercy and forgiveness fosters repentance. Truthfulness deep in the mind, heart and soul move the believer to repent of sins. A great weight and burden are lifted when repentance takes place in the believer.

2 John 1:2-For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever. (KJV)

The Church encourages believers to place truth first in the mind, heart and soul. Jesus Christ is truth's embodiment for the believer to actively embrace and glorify. Believers are to take initiative to learn of the lasting truth in the Lord Jesus Christ. Personal patience and attentiveness will lead to learning of truth in Jesus Christ. Joy emanates when Christ's truths are revealed and recognized by the believer.

3 John 1:4-I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. (KJV)

The days of earthly life are to be wisely invested in seeking the Kingdom of God. Jesus Christ's truths will guide the believer on the narrow path to the Kingdom. Eternal life becomes possible when sin is rejected and grace and truth abound. The believer ultimately decides the outcome of life by the daily choices made. The Lord Jesus Christ welcomes with joy believers turning to Him in truth.