

COLLINSVILLE-TROY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Focus on God's Word Find the Truth Follow the Lord



Sunday Worship Assembly 9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Classes (All Ages) 10:30 AM
Wednesday Adult Bible Class 1:30 PM
Wednesday Bible Classes (All Ages) 7:00 PM



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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth
1 Thessalonians 1:8

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What Is Truth?

-Renn Ferguson

Postmodernism. A movement in western philosophy that goes back to the late 20th century. What is it? Well, like many things in philosophy, it has a complicated definition. But, in short it is relativism. The inclination to embrace various views or perspectives about any given issue. Sadly, this way of thinking has found its way into Christendom at large. While relativism has certainly been booming in recent years, it is not entirely new.

Notice an interaction between Jesus and Pilate, “Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?” After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, “I find no guilt in him.” (John 18:37-38, ESV).

Pilate asks the question, “what is truth?” Whether or not he asked this question sincerely is unknown. However, we do know there was great philo-



sophical and religious diversity in the first century. So, it would not be a stretch to understand Pilate as saying “who can know the truth?” How many today feel that way? With so many opinions, religions, and philosophies, navigating this world is overwhelming. Even when we narrow it down to just Christianity, it can be overwhelming. Can we know the truth? Is

there even definitive truth to be known?

The answer to both questions is unequivocally, yes. Jesus gives us the answer to both questions in the gospel of John. In John 8:31-32, we are told that if we continue in Jesus’ word, we will be His disciples and know the truth. Nine chapters later in John 17:17 we read of Jesus’ prayer the night he was betrayed. In that verse He asks the Father to sanctify His disciples by God’s truth. He then defines that by saying “your word is truth”. This certainly applies to the written revelation, but it also applies to Jesus Himself for He is the Word (John 1:1). Therefore, if we know Jesus, we know truth.

Postmodernism is very popular and alluring in these confusing religious times. However, let us always guard ourselves with the words of Christ. Constantly reminding one another that through Jesus, we can know the truth.

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Ladies' Birthday Luncheon

March 21, 11:30 AM



2024 Theme:
The Gospel Is for All

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Paul , Silas, and the Philippian Jailer

Acts 16:16-40

Paul and Silas Imprisoned- v. 16-24

- A possessed slave- v. 16-17, Mark 1:23-25
- Paul casts the demon out- v. 18, Acts 4:7, 10
- Paul and Silas seize and imprisoned- v. 19-24, 1 Timothy 6:10

The Philippian Jailer- v. 25-34

- Worshipping in prison- v. 25-26, 1 Peter 4:16
- The jailer- v. 27-30, Matthew 19:16
- Paul and Silas' response- v. 31-34, John 3:16, 36, Luke 6:46, Acts 2:37-38

Paul and Silas Freed- v. 35-40

- They refuse to leave- v. 35-39, Acts 20:1-2, 6
- They encourage the brethren- v. 40, Philippians 1:28-29

Worship Service

Announcements

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Prayer

Song: 482 O Listen to Our Wondrous Story (v. 1, 2)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 400 Living by Faith (v. 1, 3)

Song: 571 Seeking the Lost (v. 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:25-30

Sermon

Song: 454 Nothing but the Blood

Song: 273 I Know the Lord Will Find a Way

Prayer

Acts 16:25-30

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HYMNS
PAUL
LOOSE
TREMBLING
SILAS
PRISONERS
GREAT
FLED
HIMSELF
KILL
SWORD
LIGHT
EARTHQUAKE
KEEPER
LISTENING
CHAINS
SHAKEN
GOD
AWAKEN
SUDDENLY
MIDNIGHT
SAVED
SINGING
PRAYING

Acts 16:25-30

- ²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.
- ²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.
- ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.
- ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."
- ²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.
- ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

What must I do to be saved?

Hear: Romans 10:17. Believe: Mark 16:16. Repent: Acts 2:38.

Confess: Romans 10:9-10. Be Baptized: Acts 2:38. Live Faithfully: Revelation 2:10