

A House Divided: Lacks Truth

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John 8:30-36

30 Even as [Jesus] spoke, many put their faith in him. 31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33 They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. 35 Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

- Jesus Is Truth. (John 14:6, John 1:17)
- God's Word Proclaims Truth. (John 17:17, 2 Tim 3:16)
- The Holy Spirit Guides us into Truth. (John 16:13)
- Truth Leads to Salvation. (2 Tim 3:15, 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Thes 2:13)
- The Truth has Opposition. (Gen 3:4, John 8:44, 1 John 4:4-6)

Sin makes us...

1. TURN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH

2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Sin makes us...

2. SUPPRESS THE TRUTH

Romans 1:18

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against ... wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

Sin makes us...

3. DISTORT THE TRUTH

Acts 20:30

Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

Sin makes us...

4. REJECT THE TRUTH

Romans 2:8

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

Sin makes us...

5. EXCHANGE THE TRUTH FOR A LIE

Romans 1:25

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator.