

Truth Divides

The Lord Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:34-37). It is manifest that all who follow the same rule or standard will necessarily be united. Those who submit to Christ by following the new testament, will be united together in truth. However, at the same time, those walking according to the truth will be divided from those who walk according to error (cf. Amos 3:3).

Truth and error are contrary to each other (2 Cor. 6:14-16). Therefore, God demands that those who love Him should separate themselves from those who live in sin. "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:17-18). Those who desire to be separate from sin will have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). This is a righteous division on the part of those who follow truth.

Those who are committed to walking in truth must refuse to accept or fellowship those who are in sin (Eph. 5:7). Sometimes a person must be expelled because they practice sin (1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Thes. 3:6, 14). At other times, a person must be rejected because they teach error (2 Jn. 9-11). In both cases, the dividing factor is because some are loyal to truth and some are not.

Are you committed to truth? Will you follow it and be divided from error? Will you walk in truth by believing in Jesus, repenting of your sins, confessing him as Christ, and be immersed in water for salvation (Jn. 20:30-31; Acts 2:38; 8:36-37; Mk. 16:16).

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