# WORD OF THE DAY



"Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, 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." -KJV

# **Testifying** of the Truth



#### What is Truth?

As Jesus was standing before Pilate, surrounded by Roman soldiers, and accused of a capital offense, Pilate ask Jesus if he was a king. Jesus replied, "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 <u>truth</u>. *Every one that is of the <u>truth</u> heareth my voice.*" After hearing these bold words by Jesus, Pilate replied, "what is truth?" and walked away without waiting to hear an answer. In this moment, before Jesus would be crucified, we hear from His own mouth the reason He came into the world. Simply put, Jesus tells us that He came into the world to testify of the truth. The truth that He is the Son of God.

#### A foundation of Truth

The Christian faith is build on the Truth(Jesus), not our feelings or desires or beliefs. When something is true or the truth, it can be seen as accurately reflecting an objective reality. In our secular world people are moving further and further away from the truth. Instead of pursuing the facts or pursuing what is true, many live in a world where they desire to have their own truths and manufacture their own facts. This is a world in which even the word of God is brought to conform to personal interpretation.

Truth was at the center of everything Jesus was and everything He did. In John chapter one we are told that Jesus came into this world "full of Grace and Truth". When Jesus spoke on worship, He stated that God sought those who would worship in Spirit and in Truth. When Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples He said that He was the way the **Truth**, and the life. And when Jesus talked to the disciples about sending the Holy Spirit, He stated, "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of **Truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall *testify* of me (John 15:26)."

#### Testify of the Truth

As Christians, we are called to testify to the truth -- the truth of Jesus Christ. This is not a responsibility that the church (the body of Christ), can outsource to the secular world. The truth that we are called to testify to is the truth about Jesus. Jesus came to testify to Himself, and in His absence we are called to testify of Him. We are called to testify by our words and we are also called to testify by our actions because truth should be delivered in love. In a world which is growing increasingly hostile to the truth, let us not shy away from testifying to the truth; for this purpose Jesus came into the world, and for this purpose we live.



## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Truth reflects God's nature, and it is a privilege as children of God to proclaim this wonderful characteristic of our Lord and Savior Jesus.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father God, thank you for sending Jesus to bring the light of truth in this dark world of lies. Help me to know the truth, love the truth, and share the truth. In Jesus name we pray, amen.

Your brother in Christ, WNL

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