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Why The Truth Is So Important

by Mark Legendre

Because Jesus said in John 8:32 that " ... ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free."

Many People may not fully appreciate the truth as they should. But if you were on trial for a crime that you had not committed, and if found guilty you would go to jail, then you would value the truth more than anything else. For when the truth was made known, then you would be set free.

The truth that Jesus is speaking about is the "truth of the gospel." Paul says in Ephesians 1:13 " ... After that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation ..." It is when a person "obeys the truth" that he is set free from sin." Peter says it this way in 1st Peter 1:22, "Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit ...". In 2nd Thessalonians 2:10 Paul says that a person cannot be saved without loving the truth. Proverbs 23:23 says that we should "Buy the truth, and sell it not...".

HAVE YOU OBEYED THE TRUTH? If not, Then you will be lost and will go to Hell when you die. If the truth is not that important to you now, it will be then. But it will also be too late to do anything about your eternal destiny. WHY NOT OBEY Jesus CHRIST AND BE SAVED?

"This and That"

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ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S BIBLE QUESTIONS:

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 119, which has 176 verses. The shortest chapter in the Bible is Psalms 117, which has only 2 verses. Psalms 117 is also the middle chapter of the Bible as well.

The longest verse in the Bible is Esther 8:9, which has 90 words, and the shortest verse in the Bible is John 11:35, which has only 2 words to it which are "Jesus wept".

The name of the angel who had a dispute with the devil about the body of Moses was Michael (Jude 9)

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MONTH:

1. What is the name of the king in the Bible who had 88 children? (How many sons and daughters did he have?)
2. What is the name of the king in the Bible who had to watch his own sons

being put to death and then had his own eyes put out?

"Do You Really Love Your Children"

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This might seem like a silly question at first. But it is really a very good question to ask Mom and Dad.

'Of course I love my children. I make sure they have every thing they need. I make sure they have the best clothes to wear so they can fit in with their friends. I make sure I support them in all of their school activities. I give them an allowance so they will have their own money to spend. I do everything I can to make my children happy.'

But do you teach your children how to pray? Do you bring your children to Bible Classes and to Worship? DO YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR CHILDREN? (Think about it!)

Tragedy And Victory

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On July 4th, 1826, our country was celebrating the 50th anniversary of its independence. It was to be a day of great celebration. But a great tragedy took place on that day. John Adams, who had been the 2nd President of the United States, passed away that afternoon at the age of ninety. His last words were "Thomas Jefferson survives." Little did John Adams know that only a few hours earlier that same day that Thomas Jefferson had also passed away. And so what should have been a day of celebration was turned into a day of national mourning.

No greater tragedy however has ever occurred than the day when Jesus Christ was nailed to Calvary's cross. The sinless Son of God, who had left the glory of Heaven and came to live among men, was cruelly treated and despised. There was darkness over the face of the earth that dreadful day. Jesus was treated like a common criminal even though He was the perfect Son of God. His mother stood by watching Him die. His disciples had forsaken Him and ran away. It was indeed a "day of great mourning".

And yet it can also be said that the death of Jesus Christ was a "day of great victory" as well. For you see Jesus had accomplished what he had come to do which was to "die for the sins of mankind". Peter tells us at 1st Peter 2:24 that Jesus "... bore our sins in His own body upon the tree ...". Matthew 26:28 says that Jesus "... shed His blood for the remission of our sins." And so through His death upon the cross man is able to experience the "greatest victory & freedom", that is the "forgiveness of our sins." When a person obeys the gospel of Christ,

that person's sins are "washed away by the blood of Christ which He shed in His death."

Yes it can be said that the death of Jesus was a great tragedy. But it was also a day of great victory, for through His death upon the cross mankind has been offered the "hope of eternal life in Heaven!"