

PRESENT TRUTH

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Peter spoke of being established or confirmed in the “present truth” and he felt that part of his job was to make sure that this was accomplished. Are there occasions when one part of Truth is more important than another? This is what Peter is implying. As we walk with the Lord, more Truth is revealed to us and more application of Truth is required of us. Jesus describes this process:

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8: 31-32)**

We have to *continue* with Him. Jesus is going somewhere and He is taking us with Him. By becoming a *continuer*, we become, in truth, His disciples. Being a *continuer* brings us into a place where we know the truth and the truth sets us free. The goal is *freedom*. Until we are free, we can't accomplish all that the Lord intends for us because in many areas we may be bound by “untruth”, that is, error. The only way to cure error is to apply the truth.

Even our traditions can become a bondage that holds us back from fulfilling the Lord's purpose. Look at what Jesus told the Pharisees:

Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. (Mark 7:13)

“Present Truth” is the currently applicable truth needed to set us free. It is upon this truth that the Holy Spirit focuses because the goal is freedom.

Present truth is almost always in conflict with something in our life. Bondage and freedom are conflicting states. We are either in one or the other. Bondage is Egypt, the world system. Freedom is the Promised Land, the life of the Lord.

Just as the Lord delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage and led them through the wilderness to His Promised Land with many camps along the way, He leads us in the same manner. Instead of a visible pillar of cloud or fire, the Lord leads us by the Holy Spirit who camps around various “truths” along our way to freedom in our Land of Promises. We stay in each “camp” until some aspect of the bondage of the world system is dealt with in our lives. This is true both individually and corporately.

This can be easily seen by even a casual look at Church history. When truth is spotlighted by the Holy Spirit, it becomes “present truth”. As the Lord restores the Church from the captivity of the Dark Ages, each truth that we have accepted as a given today was, in fact, a cause of great conflict during the time when the Lord focused upon it as “present truth”.

Our protestant denominations were all born out of present truth conflict. Each denomination has restored a truth to the Church. But, instead of becoming established in it and then moving on to the next “present truth”, they have each camped around “their” truth as if that was the end of the journey.

Since we are all aware that we haven't yet “arrived” (at least we should be aware of that), we need to consider the fact that the Lord is still restoring and focusing upon “present truth” today.

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And that it will produce conflict. We must reach a point where we can discern the difference between “the flakes” and “the prophets” lest we become guilty of resisting the next move of the Holy Spirit. We have a tendency to forget that the Lord is a living and dynamic God and that in the process of accomplishing His purposes; He focuses, at times, on different aspects of Truth. If we don’t become a continuer in His Word, we will be blind to the spotlight of the Holy Spirit on the next aspect of truth.

Being established in the “present truth” means that we become “unshakeable” in that particular truth. The Lord keeps shaking us and our lives so that everything which can be shaken can be dealt with.

Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: [\(Hebrews 12:26-28\)](#)

Only those things of the truth of the Kingdom cannot be shaken. They must become established in our private and corporate lives if we are to accomplish all that the Lord has called us to do.

For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither *be* barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth. [\(2 Peter 1:8-12\)](#)

Think for a moment. What would you say is the “present truth” of His Word in your life? In your Church? We are not talking about general truth but personal, applicable truth applied to you and yours. Are you allowing that truth to change your attitudes, perceptions, outlook and walk with the Lord? Remember, God allows conflict in order to produce change.

Here are some of the areas where I believe that the Lord is speaking to us to be established in present truth:

- Identity—who we are in Christ both individually and corporately;
- Placement—where we are placed in His Body;
- Function—how we function in His Body.

I think the Lord has been focusing on these areas for several years. We must truly become a functioning body before His return and we can’t do it until we have these three areas established in a manner which is unshakeable by circumstances.

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