TRUTH # 2

III. WE ARE TO LOVE THE TRUTH, II Thess. 2:10.

This passage, II Thess. 2:10, is teaching there were those who did **not** receive a love for truth; thus they were lost. Would this not teach those who were saved **did** receive a love for truth? – I think so!

In Matt. 22:34-40 the Pharisees asked the Lord, "Which is the great commandment in the Law?" The Lord answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." Loving God involves the mind and that is what is being stated when we are told to "love the truth." If we love God and put him first in our lives, then when we "love the truth," we will put truth, his revealed will for man, first because it has to do with "loving God." This, my friend, cannot be over-looked.

I Jno. 4:19, "We love, because he first loved us." This is restating Jno. 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life." This information is vital. "Sell it not!"

IV. WE ARE TO OBEY THE TRUTH: 1 Pet. 1:22.

I Pet. 1:22 plainly states the way people are saved is from **obedience to the Truth**. This is speaking concerning Hearing, Faith, Repentance, Confession and Baptism. The Lord told Saul to go into Damascus and it would be told him what he "**must do!**" Acts 9:6. The people on the day of Pentecost asked, "**What shall we do?**" Acts 2:37. In Acts 22:16 Saul was told to be "**baptized**," and in Acts 2 they were told to be "**baptized**," Acts 2:38. Those who were not Christians had to **do** something to become a Christian.

After one obeys the Gospel there is a need to "do" the will of the Father. Il Pet. 1:10. "for if you do these things, ye shall never stumble." In Rom. 2:3 we find, "And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practice such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" So, one must do what is right and not what is wrong. This is the same thing done by the Lord: "even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good and healing all that was oppressed of the devil; for God was with him," Acts 10:38. Christians are to "do the will of the Father," Matt. 7:21. "Sell it not!"

How precious this **TRUTH** is to us! We are to "buy the Truth," Prov. 23:23. We are to "know the Truth," Jno. 8:32. We are to "love Truth," Il Thess. 2:10. We are to "obey Truth," I Pet. 1:22. Remember don't dispose of it, "sell it not!"

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