

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
BEING ABSOLUTE FOR THE TRUTH**

Message One

**Upholding the Absoluteness of the Truth
and Being Absolute for the Present Truth**

Scripture Reading: John 8:32; 17:17; 18:37; 2 Pet. 1:12

I. The divine truth is absolute, and we must be absolute for the truth and uphold the absoluteness of the truth—John 14:6; 18:37; 3 John 3-4, 8:

- A. To be absolute to the truth means to set aside feelings, to ignore personal relationships, and to not stand for the self—Matt. 16:24-35; 1 Pet. 1:22.
- B. The truth is the unique standard, and we must stand on the side of the truth to oppose ourselves; upholding the absoluteness of the truth is possible only when we are delivered from ourselves—John 8:32; 2 John 2; 3 John 3-4.
- C. If the truth is not something absolute for us, we do not know God and we do not know God's word—2 Thes. 2:10; 1 John 5:20.
- D. If we are not absolute for the truth, we will sacrifice God's truth for ourselves or our own desires—Prov. 23:23.
- E. We should honor God's truth, take the way of the truth, and not compromise the truth in any way—2 Pet. 2:2.
- F. We need to have the truth wrought into us and constituted into our being—1 John 1:8; 2:4; 2 John 1-2; 3 John 3-4.
- G. We must learn to teach and preach things which are higher than what we are, things which are higher than ourselves.

II. We should be absolute for the present truth—2 Pet. 1:12:

- A. The present truth is the truth that is present with the believers, which they have already received and now possess—1:12:
 - 1. We need to know the present, up-to-date truth and uphold the absoluteness of the truth—John 18:37.
 - 2. In the Lord's recovery, the light of the truth is up to date; thus, we need to know the present truth, the up-to-date truth—John 8:12, 32; 18:37.
- B. The present truth includes the revelation concerning the eternal economy of God (Eph. 1:10; 3:9), the Divine Trinity (2 Cor. 13:14; Rev. 1:4-5), the person and work of the all-inclusive Christ (Col. 2:9, 16-17; 3:11), the consummated life-giving Spirit (John 7:39; 1 Cor. 15:45b; Rev. 22:17), the eternal life of God (John 3:15-16), the church as the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23), and the New Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2, 10-11).
- C. The present truth includes the high peak of the divine revelation—the revelation that God became man so that man may become God in life and nature but not in the Godhead—to produce and build up the organic Body of Christ for the fulfillment of God's economy to close this age and bring Christ back to set up His kingdom—John 1:12-14; 1 John 3:1-2; Rom. 8:3; 1:3-4; 12:4-5; Rev. 11:15.