

Message Four

Being Absolute for the Way of the Truth and for the Propagation of the Truth

Scripture Reading: 2 Pet. 2:2; Matt. 24:14; 28:19-20

I. We should be absolute for the way of the truth—2 Pet. 2:2:

- A. The way of the truth is the path of the Christian life according to the truth, which is the reality of the contents of the New Testament.
- B. The way of truth is the straight way, the way of God—v. 15; Luke 20:21.
- C. The way of truth is the way of righteousness; to take the way of righteousness is to live a life that is right with both God and man—Matt. 5:20; Rom. 14:17.
- D. The way of truth is “the Way,” denoting the Lord’s full salvation in God’s New Testament economy—Acts 9:2.
- E. To take the way of truth is to purify our souls by obedience to the truth—1 Pet. 1:22:
 - 1. This is the sanctifying truth, which is God’s word of reality—John 17:17.
 - 2. The purifying of our souls by obedience to the truth causes our entire being to be concentrated on God so that we may love Him with all our heart, all our soul, and all our mind—Mark. 12:30.

II. We should be absolute for the propagation of the truth—Matt. 24:14; 28:19:

- A. The gospel includes all the truths in the Bible; the entire Bible is the gospel of God—Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5:
 - 1. The unique commission of the church today is to preach the gospel, the content of which is the truth—Matt. 24:14.
 - 2. Our preaching of the truth is the preaching of the high gospel—Mark 16:15; 1 Tim. 2:4.
 - 3. The highest point of God’s gospel is that God became a man that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3, 29.
- B. God desires that all saved ones will come to the full knowledge of the truth—2 Tim. 2:4.
- C. The Lord has charged us to go and disciple the nations so that the present age may be consummated—Matt. 28:19-20.
- D. We need to be one with the Lord in learning the truth, applying the truth, speaking the truth, and propagating the truth—Zech. 8:16.
- E. The Lord will use the high truths to end the age and bring in His second coming; this will prepare the bride—Matt. 28:19-20; Rev. 19:7.
- F. The spreading of the divine truths will bring in the Lord’s restoration; according to Isaiah 11:9, the restoration will come because “the earth will be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, / as the waters cover the sea.”