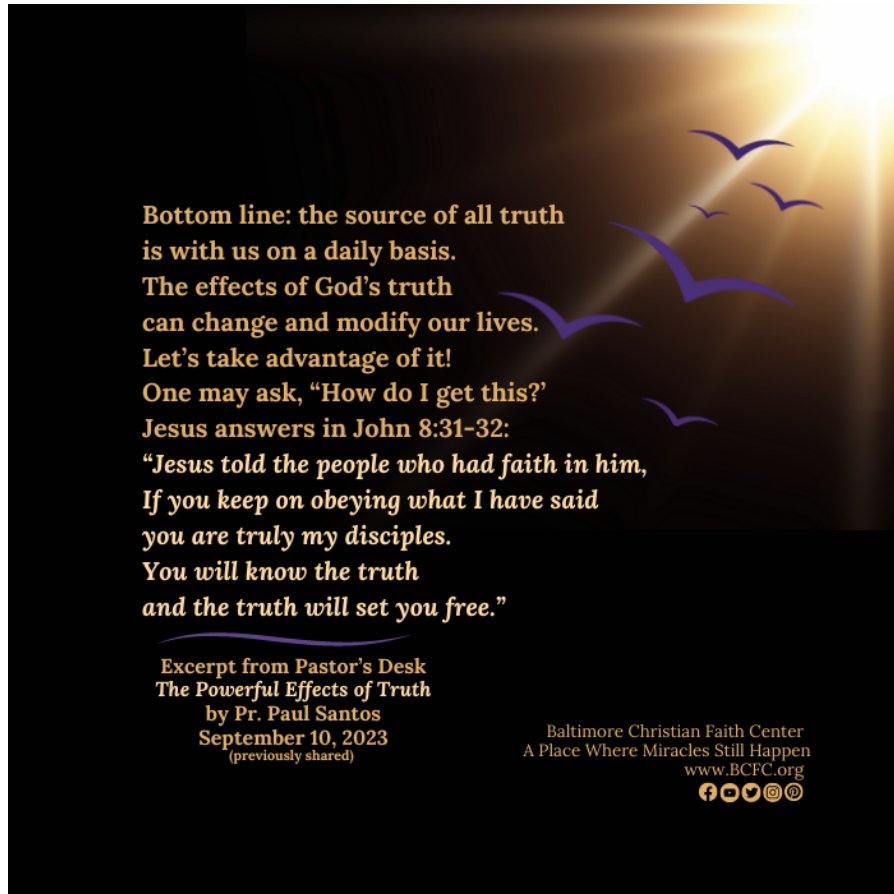


The Powerful Effects of Truth

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Nothing in this world is more disgusting and damaging than lies. On the other hand, nothing is more powerful in our lives than the truth, God's truth!

The Lord made a point to hammer into His listeners' brain the powerful effects of truth. He said in John 8:32: "And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." The truth has the ability to free people whether it's from jail or from the slavery that Satan will bring to the lives of those who do not follow Jesus' teachings. Truth can and will set us free from whatever lies that may be binding us.

Truth can make life easier. We read in Psalms 25:10: “When we obey Him, every path He guides us on is fragrant with His lovingkindness and His truth!”. (TLB) Life, many times, can be harsh but thank God His fragrant love and kindness will carry us on! But you know that is not all. We still read in 2 John 2-3: “Since the truth is in our hearts forever, God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son will bless us with great mercy and much peace, and with truth and love.” (TLB)

There are blessings of grace, mercy, and peace through this God of love and peace, that is willing to work with us every day of our lives. This is why Jesus said in John 16:13 “But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all truth there is.” (MSG). So, it’s so good and encouraging to know that we can always be victorious and surrounded by the truth and carried by victory. It’s uplifting to know this: “But I send you The Comforter-The Holy Spirit, the source of all truth.” John 15:26 (TLB)

Bottom line: the source of all truth is with us on a daily basis. The effects of God’s truth can change and modify our lives. Let’s take advantage of it! One may ask, “How do I get this?” Jesus answers in John 8:31-32: “Jesus told the people who had faith in him, ‘If you keep on obeying what I have said you are truly my disciples. You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.’” (CEV)

Be powerfully affected by the transforming truth of God!

Your fellow servant in Him,
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