

**KNOWING THE TRUTH, BEING ABSOLUTE FOR THE TRUTH,  
AND PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH IN THE PRESENT EVIL AGE, Week 2**

**Being Sanctified by the Truth to Move out of Ourselves  
and into the Triune God for the Genuine Oneness**

Scripture Reading: John 17:14-24

- John 17:14 - I have given them **Your word**, and the world has hated them, because **they are not of the world even as I am not of the world**.
- John 17:15 - I do not ask that You would take them out of the world, but that You would **keep them out of the hands of the evil one**.
- John 17:16 - **They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world**.
- John 17:17 - **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth**.
- John 17:18 - As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
- John 17:19 - And for their sake I **sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth**.
- John 17:20 - And I do not ask concerning these only, but concerning **those also who believe into Me through their word**,
- John 17:21 - That they all may be one; even as **You, Father, are in Me and I in You**, that they also may be **in Us**; that the world may believe that **You have sent Me**.
- John 17:22 - And the glory which You have given Me **I have given to them**, that they may be **one**, even as **We are one**;
- John 17:23 - **I in them, and You in Me**, that they may be **perfected into one**, that the world may know that You have sent Me and **have loved them even as You have loved Me**.
- John 17:24 - Father, concerning that which You have given Me, **I desire that they also may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory, which You have given Me**, for **You loved Me before the foundation of the world**.

**SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH**

We cannot sanctify ourselves. The more we try to be sanctified, the more involved we become with things that are common. But when the **word mingled with the essence of the Triune God is imparted into us as the truth, this truth sanctifies us**. We have all experienced this. By contacting the written Word that is mingled with the living Word, something is transfused into us and works in us all day long.

Suppose the young people touch the Word with the Spirit in morning watch and then go to school. Throughout the day at school this word of truth will work within them to separate them and make them different from their classmates in their behavior, actions, work, thoughts, and feelings. Something is working within them to sanctify them, to make them holy.

By taking the Word in this way, we have the clear conviction that something of the Lord has been wrought into us. This is not the mere knowledge of the Bible or of things concerning the Lord. **It is the reality of the Triune God living, moving, working, and separating us**. This makes us different from the worldly people. I can tell by the faces of the young people that they are graced by the Lord's presence. What a blessing! Every morning we can touch the living Word and have the divine reality infused into our being. In this way the Triune God is transfused into us.

This transfusion of the element of God frees us from such negative things as temper, jealousy, hatred, and pride. It sets us free from every kind of falsehood. This is **real liberation, real freedom**. As we are being set free, we are also **sanctified, separated, made holy to God**, not only positionally but also dispositionally. We become one with God because His very essence is being wrought into us. This is what it means to be sanctified by the word of truth. (*Truth Messages, chapter 5*)

**Day 1**

- John 8:12** Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.
- John 14:6** Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.
- John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**I. Truth is the divine light shining on the facts of the Bible and televising a heavenly, spiritual vision of these facts into our being; in the New Testament, truth denotes this kind of “heavenly television”:**

- A. All the divine facts are contained in the **Word** and conveyed to us through the **Word**; when the **Spirit shines upon the Word**, we have the heavenly television; the light shines upon the facts in the Word and conveys a heavenly vision of these facts **into our being**, and **we know the truth**—Acts 26:16, 19; Eph. 1:17-18a.
- B. The Spirit is called the **Spirit of truth**, the **Spirit of reality** (John 14:17); the Spirit of reality is the “heavenly electricity” by which spiritual things are televised into our being; He guides us “into all the reality” (16:13), making all that the Son is and has real to us (1:14, 17; 14:6).
- C. When the Spirit of truth, the Spirit of reality, **shines** upon the spiritual facts recorded and contained in the Bible, **we receive the truth, reality**; if we read the Word without the shining of the Spirit, we may have doctrine or “news reports” but not the truth, the reality, or the vision—cf. Job 42:5; John 5:39-40; 2 Cor. 3:6.
- D. **Truth is the shining of the light**, the **expression of the light**; in other words, **truth is light expressed**; because light is the source of truth, and truth is the issue of light, when we walk in the light, we are practicing the truth—John 1:4-5, 7-9, 12-13; 8:12; 14:6; 1 John 1:5-6; 2 John 4; 3 John 3-4.
- E. The Lord is the light, the truth, and the Word; the Word, which is also the truth, gives light, for **in the Word there is light**—John 8:12; 14:6; 17:17; Psa. 119:105, 130.
- F. Because the truth is the shining of the light—which is the light of life—**truth, light, and life are inseparable**; when the divine light shines into us, it becomes the truth in us, and it imparts life into our being—John 8:12, 32, 40; 12:35-36, 46; 14:6.

**Day 2**

**John 8:32** And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free.

**John 8:36** If therefore the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

**John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**II. There are two functions of the truth:**

- A. The truth **sets us free** from the **bondage of sin**, **freeing us** from **all the negative things**—8:32, 36.
- B. The truth **sanctifies us** positionally and dispositionally, **saturating us** with the element of God—17:17; Eph. 5:26.

**III. The Triune God in His word realized by us and being imparted and infused into our being is the truth that sets us free and sanctifies us:**

- A. When we are disappointed or depressed, feeling empty within, we can **open ourselves and come to the Word**; after reading for a while, something within us rises up, and we enjoy the presence of the Lord—Psa. 119:25, 37, 40, 50, 88, 93, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159.
- B. By taking the Word in this way, something of the Lord is **wrought into us**; this is the reality of the Triune God living, moving, working, and separating us.

**Day 3**

**John 6:63** It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

**John 6:17** And they got into a boat and began crossing the sea to Capernaum. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

- C. Every morning we can **touch the living Word in the written Word** and have the divine reality, the processed Triune God, as the applied word, infused into our being—John 1:1; 10:35; 5:39-40; 6:63; Eph. 5:26; 6:17-18; Psa. 119:15:
1. This **transfusion of the element of God into our being frees us** from such negative things as temper, jealousy, hatred, and pride; it sets us free from every kind of falsehood, and we have real liberation, real freedom.
  2. As we are being set free, we are also **sanctified, separated, made holy to God**, not only positionally but also dispositionally; we become one with God because His very essence is wrought into us.
- D. **Daily we need to come to the Word** in this way; we need to come to the Word every morning and, if possible, at other times as well.
- E. When the word is **mingled** with the living Spirit in our spirit, we are **sanctified** with the essence of God.
- F. By contacting the Word in this way, **God is added into us day by day**; as a result, we are **permeated** with God and **made one** with Him.
- G. Our crucial need is to have the living Triune God **infused and wrought into us** through the **written Word**, the **living Word**, and the **applied word of God**.

### Day 4

**John 17:20-21** And I do not ask concerning these only, but concerning those also who believe into Me through their word, That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

#### IV. Sanctification through the word of the truth results in **oneness** by dealing with the **factors of division**; **truth sanctifies**, and **sanctification issues in oneness**—John 17:14-24:

- A. The **Lord Jesus, the Son**, is the **truth**; the Spirit is the **Spirit of truth**; and the **Father's word is the truth**—1:14, 17; 14:6, 17; 17:17; 1 John 5:6:
1. The Father is **embodied** in the Son, the Son is **realized** as the Spirit of truth, and the Spirit is **one with the Word**—Col. 2:9; John 14:17; 16:13; Eph. 6:17-18.
  2. Whenever we come to the Word with an **open heart** and an **open spirit**, we immediately touch both the Word and the Spirit as the truth.
- B. The **sanctifying word**, the **sanctifying Spirit**, the **sanctifying life**, and the **sanctifying God are all one**; therefore, if we are being sanctified, we are one spontaneously because all the factors of division are taken away.
- C. In John 17:17-23 we see that sanctification issues in the genuine oneness because this sanctification keeps us in the Triune God; verse 21 says, “That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us”:
1. In order to be one, we need to be in the “Us,” that is, **in the Triune God**.
  2. The only way to be in the Triune God is by the **sanctifying truth** that deals with all the factors of division.
  3. By being **kept in the Triune God, we are one**, but whenever we are out of the Triune God, we are divided immediately.
  4. We need to **contact** the Lord every morning, **touch the living Word**, and have the divine reality **infused** into our being; as we contact the Lord in this way, the factors of division are **overcome**.
  5. When the factors of division in us are put to death by the sanctifying truth, we are brought into the **genuine oneness**, for **sanctification keeps us in the Triune God**.
  6. Sanctification through the word of the truth results in the **oneness of the Body of Christ**, which is the enlarged oneness of the Triune God—v. 21.

#### V. There are **four factors of division**:

- A. The first of these factors is **worldliness**; as long as we love the world in a certain aspect, that aspect of worldliness becomes a cause of division—vv. 14-16, 18; 1 John 2:15-17; 5:19.

- B. Another cause of division is **ambition**; when we contact the Lord through the Word and allow Him to infuse Himself into us, the truth thus imparted into our being kills our ambition— cf. Isa. 14:13.
- C. A third cause of division is **self-exaltation**; we should be willing to be nobody and to exalt Christ as the only Somebody, the One who has the universal preeminence—Col. 1:18; 2 Cor. 4:5; 3 John 9-11.
- D. The fourth factor of division is **opinions and concepts**; we should not hold on to our opinion but simply pursue the Lord's goal: the recovery of Christ as life and as everything for the building up of the church—Matt. 16:21-24; cf. Rev. 3:14.

### THE EVIL OF DIVISION

The major symptom of the sickness in the satanic system is **division**. In the world today there is no oneness. On the contrary, there is **division everywhere**—among the nations, in the family, in the schools, in business, and in politics. Every society is filled with division. The whole world is ill with the disease of division. This divisiveness is the evil in the world. According to Genesis 11, at Babel division and confusion came in. We see the same on earth today. Every nation and every people are divided. This is the evil in Satan's system.

This evil has crept into Christianity and has produced denominationalism. Division is therefore the evil in today's Christianity, just as it is the evil in the world. By this we see that Christianity has become an intimate and faithful follower of the world. Eventually, in the book of Revelation so-called Christianity is named Babylon the Great. By following the world with its evil of division, it has become "great."

This evil is constituted mainly of **worldliness, ambition, self-exaltation, and concepts and opinions**. The entire world is the evil, and within this evil there are ambition, self-exaltation, and concepts and opinions. All division comes from ambition, self-exaltation, and concepts. If these three things were removed from the world, the world would no longer be Babel, and there would no longer be divisions. (*Truth Messages, chapter 7*)

### Day 5 & 6

<b>John 17:11</b>	And I am no longer in the world; yet they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given to Me, that they may be one even as We are.
<b>John 17:21</b>	That they all may be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent Me.
<b>John 17:22-23</b>	And the glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, even as We are one; I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, that the world may know that You have sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

### VI. When we **move out of ourselves and into the Triune God, we are one and are even perfected into one**— **John 17:11, 17, 21-23:**

- A. In ourselves we have the four factors of division; we cannot escape from these four things **if we stay in the self**.
- B. To be **sanctified** is to **move out of ourselves and into the Triune God** and to allow Christ to live in us; in this way we are perfected into one—vv. 21-23.
- C. This sanctification takes place by the **word**, which is the **truth**, and by the **Spirit**, who is the **Spirit of truth**:
  1. As we come to the Word every morning, **outwardly we touch the Word**, but **inwardly the Spirit touches us**; by the word and by the Spirit, both of which are the reality, we are sanctified.
  2. The more we touch the Word and the more the Spirit touches us, **the more we move out of ourselves**; we move from one dwelling place, the self, to another dwelling place, the Triune God.
  3. Every day we need to make this move, for **in the self there are worldliness, ambition, self-exaltation, and opinions and concepts**.
  4. If we **continually touch the Word** and **allow the Spirit to touch us day by day**, we will be sanctified; that is, we will move out of ourselves, our old lodging place, and into the Triune God, our new lodging place.

5. Once we are out of ourselves, we are sanctified, separated from the factors of division and **separated not only unto God but also into God**.
  6. To have the genuine oneness, we must first **move out of ourselves and into the Triune God** (vv. 17, 21); then we must allow Christ to live in us (v. 23a):
    - a. This perfected oneness is the real building; it is the **growth in life**—Eph. 4:16.
    - b. To grow in life means that we move out of ourselves and into the Triune God and allow Christ to live in us; if we move into the Triune God and allow Christ to live in us, we can be one with the saints in any locality.
- D. “I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one”—John 17:23:
1. To be **perfected** into one means to be **rescued** from worldliness, ambition, self-exaltation, and opinions and concepts.
  2. “I in them”—this means that the **Son is living and moving in us**.
  3. “You in Me”—this means that the **Father is living and moving in the Son**.
  4. In other words, while the Son lives and moves in us, the Father lives and moves in Him; by this twofold living and moving, we are **perfected into one**, and we **express the Father in glory**.
- E. Ambition is implied in John 17:21; self-exaltation, in verse 22; and concepts and opinions, in verse 23:
1. In the **Triune God** there is **no ambition**, in the **glory of the Father** there is **no self-exaltation**, and in the **place where Christ lives and reigns** there are **no opinions**.
  2. In the divine and mystical realm of the processed Triune God, ambition is swallowed up, self-exaltation disappears, and concepts and opinions are killed; here there is no evil of division in the Satan-systematized world (v. 15); instead, there is **genuine oneness**.
- F. Genuine oneness is living in the Father, allowing Christ to **live in us**, and **living in the Father’s glory**, His expression—vv. 22, 24:
1. We need to move out of ourselves and into the Triune God and **remain in Him** for the Father’s expression, His glory.
  2. The real building, the oneness, is **possible only in the Triune God**, and it is **prevailing only when Christ lives in us**; then we can express the Father in glory and experience the genuine oneness.

### EXPERIENCING THE GENUINE ONENESS

In order to have this oneness, we need to **move out of ourselves and into the Triune God**. We also need to **express the Father’s glory and allow Christ to live in us**. Then we will have the genuine oneness, which is versus evil. But if we remain in ourselves, we will have the ambition that issues in the self-exaltation which is enthroned in our concepts. The result is **division**. Where there is such division, the church becomes the world. When the evil is present, we can scarcely see the church. What we see is mainly the evil. This is why we have recently been saying that we must purge out the leprosy. The **leprosy is this evil constituted of ambition, self-exaltation, and concepts**.

If we would purge out the evil, the leprosy, we must do more than repent. Repentance is good, but as far as this evil is concerned, it is too superficial. In addition to repentance, we need to **move out of ourselves and into the Triune God and remain in Him** for the expression of the Father’s glory. We need to allow this glory to **swallow up** our self-exaltation so that Christ can live in us. When Christ lives in us, all our concepts will be put to death. Then, instead of evil, we will have the genuine oneness.

This **oneness** is what the Lord desires; it is the well-pleasing will of God. It is also the **real building**. The building is **possible only in the Triune God**, and it is **prevailing only when Christ lives in us**. Hallelujah, now we are in the Triune God, and we are allowing Christ to live in us! Now we can express the glory of the Father and experience the genuine oneness. May we all bring this word to the Lord in prayer. (*Truth Messages, chapter 7*)