

SERMON OUTLINE

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We Can Know the Truth

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I. Paul: A Good Example of Following Truth

- A. He Was Honestly Wrong: **Acts 23:1; Acts 24:16; 1 Tim 1:13**
- B. He Followed the Truth: **Acts 26:19; 1 Timothy 1:12**
- C. He Paid a Price - Proving It True: **1 Corinth 15:32**
- D. He Had to Struggle with Differences: **Romans 10:1-2**

II. Questions About the Truth

A. Can We Know the Truth?

1. Absolutely:
 - a. Jesus: **John 8:31-32** - know the truth – free
 - b. Paul: **Ephesians 3:4-5** - you can understand
2. There are Difficult areas: **1 Thes 5:21-22; 2 Pet 3:15-16; Heb 5:13-14**
3. There are Unknown areas: **Deuter 29:29** but **2 Peter 1:3**
4. **Application: John 8:31-32**

B. Can We Be Wrong?

1. Paul was: **Philippians 3:6; Acts 23:1**
2. Peter was: **Galatians 2:14** - corrected by Paul
3. Apollos was: **Acts 18:25-26** - Explained more accurately
4. **Application: 3 things that have NOTHING to do with truth**

C. How Do We Find the Truth?

1. **James 1:21** - Come with an attitude of meekness, because
 - a. We can suppress it: **Romans 1:18**
 - b. We can convince ourselves otherwise: **2 Thess 2:11-12**
 - c. Let other things be more important: **John 12:42-43**
2. **Acts 17:11** - Work at it: Ask, seek, knock (sower)
3. **Philippians 3:7-8** - Place value in it (all else is loss)

D. What Do We Do With the Truth?

1. Accept it: Paul on road - changes everything! **James 1:21**
2. Hold it with love (else worthless) - **1 Cor 13:2**
3. **Apply:** Stop being afraid - Follow it!

III. Conclusion

- A. Truth needs to matter to me - **2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**
- B. I need to respond to it - **Hebrews 10:26**