

NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

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Four responsibilities every believer has to God's TRUTH:

I. _____ THE TRUTH.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 NIV84 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 14 He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Five _____ you need to believe:

- 1) God _____ you (2:13a).
But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord...
- 2) God _____ you (2:13b).
because from the beginning God chose you to be saved...
- 3) God _____ you apart (2:13c).
...saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth...
- 4) God _____ you (2:14a).
He called you to this through our gospel ...
Galatians 1:6-7 NIV 84 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel- 7 which is really no gospel at all.
- 5) God _____ you His Glory (2:14b).
... that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DO YOU _____ THESE TRUTHS?

II. _____ THE TRUTH.

2 Thessalonians 2:15 NIV84 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

A. The Bible is under _____!

B. We need to _____ God's word!

1 Timothy 6:20-21 NIV84 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith.

2 Timothy 1:13-14 NIV84 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you-guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

CAN YOU _____ THE BIBLE? YOUR FAITH?

III. _____ THE TRUTH.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NIV84) May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

A. Paul PRAYS for his friends.

- 1) Prayer is _____ -FOCUSED.
- 2) Prayer is _____ -FILLED.
- 3) Prayer is _____ (& powerful – it works!).

ARE YOU _____ THE TRUTH?

IV. _____ THE TRUTH.

Five _____ that will help us share the gospel:

- 1) Prayer _____ the gospel.
2 Thessalonians 3:1 NIV84 Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.
- 2) Evil people _____ the gospel.
2 Thessalonians 3:2 NIV84 And pray that we may be delivered [from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith.
- 3) God is _____ that the devil.
2 Thessalonians 3:3 NIV84 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.
- 4) We can _____ God for people's progress.
2 Thessalonians 3:4 NIV84 We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.
- 5) We need to _____ truth before we share it.
2 Thessalonians 3:5 NIV84 May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

DO YOU _____ GOD'S TRUTH? ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

V. CONCLUSION - Four Responsibilities to God's truth:

- 1) BELIEVE the truth.
- 2) GUARD truth.
- 3) PRACTICE truth.
- 4) SHARE truth .