



#101 HE IS OUR ULTIMATE TRUTH

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KEY THEME: The Lord IS the Ultimate Truth that Scripture points us to!

MESSAGE/TAKEAWAYS:

The Lord, our Ultimate Truth, yearns for us to know . . .

1. TRUTH IS EMBEDDED IN JESUS HIMSELF. John 14:6 *"Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.*

[] He is Our series/2014; I AM; Psalms journey; E.V. Hill, "Get Him up..."

2. TRUTH LEADS US INTO GOD'S PRESENCE. Psalm 43:3 *O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill; And to Your dwelling places.*

[] Bible is a tool, not an end; Go higher! Paris phone call

3. TRUTH AND GRACE ARE IN THE FULNESS OF CHRIST. John 1:14 *"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

[] The Word; LOGOS; Jesus; The Conversation; Word is Him, not it.

4. TRUTH AND KINDNESS COME AS WE ABIDE IN HIM. Psalm 61:7 *"He will abide before God forever; Appoint lovingkindness and truth that they may preserve him.*

[] Abiding; Rooting (Petunias); Marinating (steaks); His truth & kindness

5. TRUTH AND KINDNESS ARE TO BE KEPT DEEPLY IN HEART. Proverbs 3:3 *"Do not let kindness and truth leave you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart.*

[] How? Keep abiding. Why? This is God's way — Grace vs. Law

Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? Rom. 2:4

6. TRUTH FROM GOD'S WORD SETS US FREE. John 8:31-32 *If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*

[] U.T. tower; "You will know that I AM..." 8:28; Continue in... His mind.

7. TRUTH AND COMPASSION PRESERVE US. Psalm 40:11 *You, O Lord, will not withhold Your compassion from me; Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.*

[] Not truth alone; Tone/Spirit/heart of truth = Compassion/kindness

8. TRUTH LEADS US TO WORSHIP IN SPIRIT. John 4:24 *"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in **spirit and truth.**"*

[] Spirit/Truth; Subjective/Objective; Mystical/Academic; Heart/Mind

9. TRUTH BY THE SPIRIT WILL GUIDE US. John 16:13 *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.*

[] Whispers; Blows where he wishes; Intuition? Gut feeling? Set right?

10. TRUTH GIVES US INNERMOST WISDOM. Psalm 51:6 *"Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.*

[] "My knower." Hidden part; Blind spots; Repression; Self-prison

11. TRUTH IN GOD'S WORD SANCTIFIES US. John 17:17 *"Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.*

[] Washing w/ Word; Set apart as holy; Sharper than sword; DEEP

12. TRUTH SHARED IN LOVE MAKES US MORE CHRIST-LIKE. Ephesians 4:15 *Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who the head, even Christ,*

[] Truth spoken, not held . . . In love, not critically; Like Christ with us.