



Scripture Nugget – The blessedness of being in the Truth

Jesus then said to those Jews who believed in Him, “If you remain in My Word, you will truly be My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

The Truth will set you free (cf. John 8:32). The eternal Truth is Jesus Christ. *Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (John 14:6).* There is only one Way to God the Father – Jesus Christ. There is only one unchanging Truth that liberates and saves – Jesus Christ. There is only one source of eternal life – Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the personification of Truth. He is the eternal, immutable Truth and all that He stands for are true. *Your Word is truth (John 17:17).* The truths of God’s commandments point us clearly the way to our salvation. The truths of the moral teachings of Christ are an absolutely reliable moral standard which can uncover and debunk falsehoods especially false ideologies posing as true.

The Truth exposes falsehoods dressed up as truths. In an age of unbridled narcissism, truth and reality become cast aside as restless people pursue blindly any novelty or distraction to appease their disorderly passion. Enjoying growing public acceptance but which are detrimental to the salvation of souls are faulty human thinking such as moral relativism which denies the existence of absolute truths and moral norms, and gender ideology which denies the scientific reality that gender is biologically fixed even before birth at conception. Scripture tells us God created mankind either male or female (cf. Genesis 1:27, 5:2).

God wants us to know the Truth and attain salvation (cf. 1Timothy 2:4). God, as a most loving father, desires everyone to know the Truth and to attain the glorious eternal inheritance that He has prepared for His children. Thus, every soul has the moral obligation to seek the Truth and abide by it in order to attain spiritual freedom through Jesus Christ. Religious indifferentism has great sentimental value and political correctness, but is far from the truth. Religious indifferentism may be defined as the heretical belief that all religions are of equal, or sufficient, salvific value, i.e. that man can be saved by following any religion whatsoever. However, Jesus tells us clearly He is the Way to God the Father (cf. John 14:6). *Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the One Whom You sent, Jesus Christ (John 17:3).* If all religions are equal, would God need to send His only begotten Son to offer His Sacrifice on the Cross for our sins? On the other hand, the first commandment of the Decalogue warns us against worshipping false gods. *You shall not have other gods beside Me (Deuteronomy 5:6).* Before His ascension, Jesus also tells us that He is the highest power in the whole universe (cf. Matthew 28:18).

Conversation with Jesus: Precious Lord, thank You for revealing the Truth to us. You alone are the eternal, saving Truth. Consecrate us in the Truth. Form our hearts and minds in the Truth. Give us the graces to be led by Your Spirit so that we can live in the Truth. Only through love and fidelity to Your commandments and precepts can we abide in the Truth. Only the Truth can set us free from all bondages and eternal damnation, and give us the highest degree of freedom. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for us to walk on the true path of the Lord. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.