



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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I KNOW

- I know He is the beginning, so why do I worry about the end?
- I know He is the creator, so why do I wonder who will destroy?
- I know He has forgiven me, so why can't I forgive myself?
- I know He is a healer, so why do I speak of sickness?
- I know He can do all things, so why do I say I can't?
- I know He will protect me, so why do I fear?
- I know He will supply all my needs, so why can't I wait?
- I know He is my strength and my salvation, so why do I feel weak?
- I know that everything and everyone has a season, so why when someone's season is over do I weep instead of rejoicing?
- I know He is the right way, so why do I go the wrong way?
- I know He is the light, so why do I choose to walk in darkness?
- I know that whatever I ask of GOD, GOD will give me, so why am I scared to ask?
- I know tomorrow is not promised, so why do I put off for tomorrow what I can do today?
- I know that the truth shall make me free, so why do I continue to lie?
- I know that He gives us revelation, knowledge and understanding, so why do I lean on my own understanding?
- I know I should live in the spirit as well as walk in the spirit, so why do I choose to live in the spirit but walk in the flesh?
- I know that when praises go up, blessings come down, so why do I refuse to praise Him?
- I know He has a plan for me, so why am I rushing it because I am eager to do His Will, when it His time not my time?

Anonymous (revised)

THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

Jesus said, “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (**John 8:32**). Paul in writing to the Corinthians pointed out that they had received the gospel and that they were saved by it (**I Corinthians 15:1-3**). Earlier in that book he had taught them that, “*it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe*” (**I Corinthians 1:21**).

Post modernism says, “You decide what truth is.” Revealed truth is no longer relevant and cannot be depended upon. The reason there is so much unfaithfulness in the church, a lack of interest by the young adults or our age, the failure to read and study the Bible is that through the various forms of media (internet, movies, TV, magazines, newspapers) modern man has been taught that there is no relevant truth.

To the Colossians Paul writes of “*The hope which is laid up for you in Heaven...*” (**Colossians 1:5**). Notice three facts about that hope of which he reminds them:

“*WHEREOF YE HEARD BEFORE IN THE WORD OF TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL*” (**Colossians 1:5**). They heard this truth in the gospel. The truth is genuine and can be relied upon. The Bible has always been and will always be right. Men may reject it but that does not change the truth of it. Remember the ‘Cranberry Scare’; ‘The Coffee Scare’; ‘The Y2K Scare’; there must always be ‘The Scare of the week.’ These come and go but the Holy Word of God is always true. Remember Jesus said, “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” (**Matthew 24:35**). That hope had come to them by the word of truth.

“*WHICH IS COME UNTO YOU*” (**Colossians 1:6**). It is not a product of discovery or human wisdom, but this has to do with divine revelation. (A Study of the Book of Colossians, Franklin Camp). Just as it had come to the Colossians by revelation so we have it as well. Man did not devise it “*...but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost*” (**II Peter 1:21**).

“*AS IT IS IN ALL THE WORLD*” (**Colossians 1:6**). This shows the universality of the gospel. The message of hope not only for the Colossians, not discovered by them but revealed to them, is for the entire world for as long as it shall stand. Isn’t it unique that you can use the Bible anywhere in the world and preach it and it works the same. There are different cultures, languages, food, terrain, customs but the Word of God will fit anywhere. It just needs to be preached. **Larry Acuff**