



Jesus Christ, our All in all
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Speaking the Truth, part 2

**‘And there is no creature hidden from His sight,
but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him
to Whom we must give account’ Hebrews 4:13**

#5 Speaking the truth is loving God and loving each other

- † ***‘[Love] does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth’ 1Cor 13:6***
- † ***‘Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another’ Eph 4:25***
- † ***‘Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds’ Col 3:9***

#6 Speaking the truth is taking care of the Body of Christ

- † ***‘but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love’ Eph 4:15-16***
- † ***‘If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it’ 1 Cor 12:26***

#7 Speaking the truth is being transparent

- † ***Being transparent is wisdom. ‘For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light’ Lk 8:17***
- † ***Being transparent is being pure of heart which brings us into a personal relationship with Christ. ‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God’ Mt 5:8***
- † **Living transparently is less about us and more about God and His work**

- † Being transparent allows others to see Christ through us (*2 Cor 1:12-23*). Transparency is important to Paul's work that he returns to the theme throughout the letter to the Corinthians (*2 Cor 4:2; 6:11*)
- † Charles Malik said a true Christian carries the following traits: holds himself accountable and is transparent

#8 Speaking the truth is growing in knowledge and wisdom

- † Being transparent leads one to be accountable, which in turn leads to repentance
- † *'Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is'* Eph 5:17

#9 Speaking the truth is freedom

- † A lie makes its holder a slave and leads to other lies and sins
- † There are no colors no sizes nor forms of lies. A lie is a lie
- † *'And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free'* Jn 8:32
- † Speaking the truth is freedom from fear
- † Blessed Brother Estephan Nehme says, 'God sees me'. He had the fear of God and was not afraid of others
- † Although Herod was a cruel tyrant, John the Baptist did not hesitate to speak the truth and condemn his adulterous conduct. Earthly consequences did not scare him. This where the following saying *ولو على قطع راسك* came from (*Mk 6:14-26*)
- † Micaiah spoke the truth (*1 Kgs 22:1-35*)
 - He faced peer pressure and went against the flow
 - He feared the Lord only, and had the courage to walk in the truth
 - Truth is truth even when the king despised it and tried to go around it by getting disguised
- † Cain and Abel (*Gn 4:1-10*)
 - Cain lied imagining that God did not know about his lie
 - God spoke gently to Cain to lead him to repentance, but Cain chose slavery to sin. He tried to cover his murder with a lie

#10 Speaking the truth is protection

- † *'Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth'* Eph 6:14
- † With truth as an armor, Peter could say, we obey God not men (*Acts 5:29*)

In Conclusion

- † Speaking the truth is resembling our Lord Jesus Christ
- † *'We conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace' 2 Cor 1:12*
- † 'It takes real faith to begin to live the life of Heaven while still upon the earth, for this requires that we rise above the law of moral gravitation and bring to our everyday living the high wisdom of God. And since this wisdom is contrary to that of the world, conflict is bound to result. This, however, is a small price to pay for the inestimable privilege of following Christ' – A W Tozer

Bibliography

Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds'
Colossians 3:9

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

- † Christ is the Truth and our victory

My reaction

- † Am I holding on to Christ?
- † Am I being transparent revealing Christ to others?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim
4. to become more of saints and less of sinners
5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him

8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
9. to all the sick, namely Marie
10. to all those in prison
11. to the unity of the Christians
12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management
14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights
16. to the situation in Lebanon, the region, and the whole world

During this coming week, we will the Greek Catholic church in prayer

<p>الصلاة الربانية أبانا الذي في السموات ليتقدّس إسمك ليأت ملكوتك ليتكُن مشيئتك كما في السماء كذلك على الأرض أعطنا خبزنا كفاف يومنا واعفُ لنا خطايانا كما نغفر نحنُ لِمَن أساءَ إلينا ولا تُدخلنا في التجارب لكنْ نجِّنا من الشرِّير أمين</p>	<p>قانون الايمان أومِن بالله واحد، أبٍ ضابط الكلِّ خالق السماء والأرض، كلِّ ما يُرى وما لا يُرى ويربِّ واحد يسوع المسيح، ابن الله الوحيد المولود من الأب قبل كلِّ الدهور نور من نور، إله حقٌّ من إله حقٌّ مولود غير مخلوق، مساوٍ للأب في الجوهر الذي به كان كلُّ شيء الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر ومن أجل خلاصنا نزلَ من السماء وتجسّد من الرّوح القدس ومن مريم العذراء وتأنّس وصلّبَ عنّا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي وتألّم وقُبر وقامَ في اليوم الثالث كما في الكتب وصعدَ إلى السماء وجلسَ عن يمين الأب وأيضاً يأتي بمجدٍ عظيم ليدينَ الأحياء والأَمْوات، الذي لا فناءَ لملكه وبالرّوح القدس، الرّبِّ المُحيي المُنبتِّق من الأب، الذي هو مع الأب والإب مسجود له ومُمجّد، النّاطق بالأنبياء وبكنيسة واحدة، جامعة، مقدّسة، رسوليّة وأعترف بمعموديّة واحدة لمغفرة الخطايا وأترجّى قيامَةَ الموتى والحياة في الدهر الآتي أمين</p>
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