

# Rightly Dividing #1

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.  
(KJV)

- What is truth, and who has it? Everyone declares to have it. The only true source for TRUTH is the WORD itself.

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the **true worshippers** shall worship the Father **in spirit** and **in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and in truth.**  
(KJV)

- It is not enough to have one without the other. Jesus said, “TRUE WORSHIPPERS will have both SPIRIT and TRUTH.”
- Many are flaunting a spiritual experience at the expense of aborting basic foundational truths. These are not “true worshippers” as described by Jesus.

John 1:1

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God.**  
(KJV)

John 1:14

14 And the **Word was made flesh**, and **dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.  
(KJV)

- Jesus is the living word.

John 12:48

48 He that rejecteth me, and **receiveth not my words**, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, **the same shall judge him** in the last day.

(KJV)

- The WORD will judge us in the last day. We cannot rely on the opinions of men, nor the deception of emotions. An adequate understanding of the word is very important to the destiny of our soul.
- The words of the Bible's 66 books will be our judge.

Rev 20:12-15

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **the books were opened**: and **another book** was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the **books**, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the **book of life** was cast into the lake of fire.

(KJV)

- Two references to books.
  - One, the book of life (names of the redeemed recorded in)
  - Two, 66 books of the bible, which we are judged out of.
- Our works will be judged by the word. Works of obedience when instructed will be judged.

2 Tim 3:12-16

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers **shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived**.

14 But **continue thou in the things which thou hast learned** and hast been assured of, **knowing of whom thou hast learned them**;

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are **able to make thee wise unto salvation** through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:**  
(KJV)

- What were the things that Timothy learned from Paul?
- Already Paul was warning of deceivers, and that the problem would only grow worse. We **MUST** know the word for our self.

## 2 Pet 1:20-21

20 Knowing this first, that **no prophecy** of the scripture is of any **private interpretation.**

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.  
(KJV)

- Our safety is to use the scripture, to interpret the scripture. Let's keep private opinion out of the conversation.

## 2 Pet 3:15-18

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are **some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.**

- Shallow knowledge of the word causes people to wrestle the scripture to their own hurt.

## 2 Tim 2:15-16

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

KJV

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness. (backsliding) (error of the wicked, wicked motivation)

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.  
(KJV)

- Stick to the written word (logos) as guide for truth. Adding to or taking away from for the sake of personal discretion, will only lead to certain damnation.

Rev 22:18-20

18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, **If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:**

19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

2 Tim 2:15

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- **The gospels** (The life and ministry of the man Christ Jesus) Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
- **Acts of the Apostles** (Recorded history of what the apostles did, and said, with what, Jesus told them to do and say.)
- **Epistles** (Letters to the church. Those who participated in what the apostles told them to do.)

2 Tim 4:1-4

1 **I charge thee therefore before God**, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 **Preach the word**; be instant in season, out of season; **reprove, rebuke, exhort** with all longsuffering and **doctrine**.

3 For **the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

(KJV)

- Paul gives strong admonishment to Timothy, his son in the gospel to:
  - Preach the word.
  - Reprove
  - Rebuke
  - Exhort
- To do so with patience and doctrine (scriptural teaching)
- He warned of a time when many would no longer receive it.

1 Tim 1:3

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest **charge some that they teach no other doctrine,**

(KJV)

- What doctrine? The one that Paul and the apostles were teaching.

**1 Tim 4:13-16**

13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, **to doctrine.**

14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.

15 **Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them;** that thy profiting may appear to all.

16 **Take heed** unto thyself, and **unto the doctrine; continue in them:** for in **doing this** thou shalt both **save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

(KJV)

- Paul says that the **DOCTRINE** will **SAVE US**, and **THEM** that hear us.

2 Tim 2:24-26

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness **instructing those that oppose themselves;** if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;**

26 And that they may **recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,** who are taken captive by him at his will.

(KJV)

- Paul speaks of people actually obstructing their own salvation because they have resisted truth. He tells Timothy to take an approach of meekness in hopes that he can lead them to repentance and acknowledgement of the truth.

2 Tim 3:1-7

1 This know also, that **in the last days perilous times shall come.**  
 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,  
 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,  
 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; *(description of last days, are we close?)*  
 5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**  
 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,  
 7 **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**  
 (KJV)

- We reach and reach until we get a release from God to go on to others. Some individuals will never receive the truth, and only continue to take up your time.

2 Tim 3:10

10 But thou hast fully known **my doctrine**, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,  
 (KJV)

- Now Paul is calling it HIS doctrine.

James 1:21-23

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and **receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**  
 22 But be ye **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.  
 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a **doer**, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:  
 (KJV)

- My believing must bring me to a place of action. DOING the word.

- Faith without works is dead...

Matt 7:13-24 (Read through first)

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for **wide** is the gate, and **broad** is the way, that **leadeth to destruction**, and **many** there be which go in thereat:

- WIDE, BROAD and MANY are descriptive of a majority that will perish in destruction.
- God is not motivated to save by number, or majority vote.
  - He once told Moses to stand clear, for He was willing to destroy all of Israel, then start over with Moses.
  - In I Peter 3:20 we read of a time when God spared just a few and let the vast majority perish. “few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”

14 Because **strait** is the gate, and **narrow** is the way, which **leadeth unto life**, and **few** there be that find it.

- STRAIT, NARROW and FEW are descriptive of a minority in comparison to the whole.
- This completely discredits the idea validation through popularity.
- But look, they must be doing something right, they have so many followers....
- Jesus then gives reason for these dynamics of quantity...

15 Beware of **false prophets**, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye

that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:  
(KJV)

Matt 16:18-19

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.  
(KJV)

**1 Pet 1:22-25**

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

24 For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.  
(KJV)

**GOSPEL – DOCTRINE - TRUTH**

**Eph 2:18-22**

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through

the Spirit.  
(KJV)

### **John 17:17-20**

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.  
18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.  
19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.  
20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word:  
(KJV)

Who's word? The apostles word. (Whatever they tell them to do)

### **Gal 1:6-12**

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another **gospel:**  
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.  
8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.  
9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed.**  
10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.  
11 But I certify you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.**  
12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.  
(KJV)

Paul's gospel was the same as the other disciples.

### **1 Pet 4:17-18**

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that **obey not the gospel of God?**

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?  
(KJV)

### **II Th 1:7-10**

7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that **obey not the gospel** of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.  
(KJV)

### **II Jn 1:9-11**

9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in **the doctrine** of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the **doctrine of Christ**, he hath both the Father and the Son.

10 If there come any unto you, **and bring not this doctrine**, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:

11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.  
(KJV)

### **I Jn 4:6**

6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.  
(KJV)

### **Jude 1:3**

3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the **common salvation**, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.  
(KJV)

### **Matt 23:15**

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him **twofold more the child of hell** than yourselves.

(KJV)

### **Rom 1:16**

16 For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is **the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

(KJV)

### **Rom 16:17-18**

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine** which ye have learned; and avoid them.

18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by **good words and fair speeches** deceive the hearts of the simple.

(KJV)

### **2 Cor 4:1-5**

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if **our gospel** be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest **the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

(KJV)

### **2 Cor 11:10-15**

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of Achaia.

11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth.

12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.

13 For such are **false apostles**, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an **angel of light.**

15 Therefore it is no great thing if **his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness**; whose end shall be according to their works.  
(KJV)

#### **Eph 4:14-15**

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and **carried about with every wind of doctrine**, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:  
(KJV)

#### **Col 1:22-23**

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of **the gospel**, which ye have heard, and  
(KJV)

#### **Col 2:8-9**

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through **philosophy** and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and **not after Christ**.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.  
(KJV)

#### **II Th 2:9-15**

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they **received not the love of the truth**, that **they might be saved**.

11 And for this cause **God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie**:

12 That they all might be damned who believed not **the truth**, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved

of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14       Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15       Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

(KJV)