

A TIME FOR REFLECTION – [Pastor Gene Henderson]

We spend a lot of our lives trying to see clearly. In one of the great passages in all literature, in 1 Corinthians 13 the Apostle Paul wrote, “*Now we see through a glass darkly*”. A newer rendition says, “*Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling images in a mirror*”. When we close our eyes and shut off all the images bombarding our physical eyes, we can sometimes see with our inner eyes. The difference between sight and insight.

When you close your eyes, what do you see? This is not a trick question. Jesus’ disciples asked him, “*Why do you speak to the people in parables?*” (Matthew 13:10) Jesus responded: “*This is why I use stories to teach. They see, but they don’t really see. They hear, but they don’t really hear or understand. So they show what Isaiah said is really true*”.

You will listen and listen, but you will not understand.

You will look and look, but you will not learn.

For the minds of these people have become stubborn.

They do not hear with their ears

And they have closed their eyes. (Isaiah 6:9)

Sidebar. Isaiah wrote 400 years before Jesus was born, so apparently Jesus was saying that people had not changed much. Here we are 2,000 years later...ever wonder if Jesus would think people still haven’t changed much?

Our eyes are deluged with information. We have movies and reality shows and TV series, a billion books and magazines, video games, Facebook, YouTube, Netflix, Skype, Snapchat, laptops, tablets, smartphones and digital billboards. In the face of a world flooded with images, Jesus tells stories, word pictures designed to help us see timeless concepts and principles acted out in real life.

Shall we try it again? **When you close your eyes, what do you see?**

Welcome!

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“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so they can have life. I want them to have it in the fullest possible way.”

SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 AM

Unity In Prayer: 6:00 PM

Wednesday – Bible Study: 7:00 PM;

Kid’s Club & Youth

Prayer ½ hour before services

SERMON NOTES

PATH TO LIBERTY

TEXT: John 8:31-32

Real _____ is being able to not have my way and still be just as _____ as if I did. – Joyce Meyer

Jesus was clear, it all starts with the _____. John 18:37

Truth is that which is _____ with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of _____.

Truth is the _____ of God.

_____ is what it is because God _____ it so and made it so.

Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 31:5; Isaiah 65:16; John 14:6; 10:35; 17:17; 1 Peter 1:23; Colossians 3:16

The truth of Christ and the truth of the Bible are of the very same _____.

Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:19-20; 2:15

Truth cannot be adequately explained, recognized, understood, or _____ without God as the _____. Romans 1:21-22, 28 _____ a biblical definition of truth, and unrighteousness is the inescapable _____.

To know the truth is to _____ the truth and that brings _____ complete liberty.

1 Peter 1:22-23; 1 John 2:4; 2 Corinthians 3:17; Jonah 1:1-3, 12, 17; 2:1, 7, 9-10; 3:1-3, 10; 4:1-3

1. True _____ comes only in _____ God's Word.
2. God does not have to _____ His Word and will for us with our opinion of the _____.
3. 1 Samuel 15:22 – _____ is better than _____.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday Evening Prayer – our hour of prayer at 6:00 PM. Join us as we ask God for direction and revival.

Wednesday Bible Study – Romans and Kid's Club. Come and learn about the Word of God!

Snacks For Children – There is a basket in the foyer for donations of snacks for Children's Church and Wednesday night Kid's Club.

Ladies Bible Study – this Thursday morning at 10:00 and in the evening at 7:00. The study will be on "Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst. Come and learn while fellowshiping.

Missionary Letters – there are new missionary letters on our bulletin boards in the foyer.

Special Missionary Service – July 22nd with the Mattocks, missionaries to Colombia.

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