

- ✚ How important is the subject of deliverance? It's a title for Jesus no less!, **Romans 11:26**. We've seen that, that is what salvation effectively is; it is a deliverance. We ended last time with this verse in John: **John 16:13**. One of the ways we can tell someone has been delivered is their attitude toward the truth.
- ✚ **1st John 2:27**, Do you trust the Holy Spirit? A truly saved person follows the truth. The Holy Spirit will get truth to that person! We can't know who a true believer is because God's declaration of them; we can only know by a transformed life. They say they've believed in Jesus, thus the Spirit lives in them, so this will be evidenced in their attitude toward the truth, and that truth is contained in the Bible and nowhere else.

1. The problem in American culture.

- ✓ We believe the truth and that puts us at odds with the entire culture. The biggest problem in American culture is the Bible. We are divided over this book; it is the problem.
- ✓ The left leaning, liberal culture doesn't mind if we believe this book, but they don't want us to bring it out of the church. Why? Because it contains the truth, the light, and those who are in the dark hate it, **John 3:16-20**.
- ✓ God has injected light into an otherwise completely dark world, that light, that truth **is the problem**.

2. We've seen that we can tell a true believer by their attitude to the Word of God and by their attitude toward the Son of God.

- ✓ We need discernment; we need to stop calling Christian what the Bible does not call Christian.
- ✓ Our next area of deliverance under the heading of from darkness to light or error to truth, has to do with God's salvation, God's Gospel. We can tell a true believer by their attitude toward God's salvation. That should be a no-brainer, right! If you don't accept God's offer of salvation, you aren't saved!
- ✓ Our culture of darkness is pushing hard against this because they hate the light and those who preach and believe the truth. Again, they don't mind us believing the truth as long as we keep it to ourselves, but the gospel, the story of God's salvation, is what we have been commissioned to tell; so, it's where the main battle is.
- ✓ **Matthew 7:13**; "enter through the narrow" that's our message. It's politically correct to have latitude in religious views.
- ✓ It's not a battle for what makes sense day to day, it is a battle for eternal logic, eternal truth; darkness cannot comprehend it; you won't be able to reason with them; they have to be delivered!! It is a battle for truth and right thinking, but it's not won arguing or trying to convince the world of lesser truths. It's won and only won in the gospel; only the real gospel delivers people. Until they are called into the light by the gospel, they won't have light in any other area.
- ✓ **Romans 4:4**, "ungodly" – this is key to the real gospel. "Have faith in Jesus and be a good, moral, religious person." Faith in Jesus plus other stuff; that is not what the Scriptures teach. Paul writes an entire book in the New Testament dealing with this insidious lie; the book is called Galatians. Some of the strongest language in the Bible he spoke against those promoting this lie, **Galatians 1:6-8**.

- ✓ Israel is set aside as a nation because they wouldn't believe this truth, **Romans 10:3**. This is the precise error of religion. The truth is you'll never be good enough; so, instead of believing you can be good, you need to believe the truth about your sinfulness "the ungodly." **1st John 1:8**. Instead of trying to be godly, affirm your ungodliness, that you can't do anything to be saved.

Again, what is a sign that someone has truly believed, a faith that is showing itself in works? Someone's attitude toward the Word of God, toward the Son of God, toward the gospel of God, 2nd John 9-11.
