

Uncomfortable Truth

Do you love truth or love darkness (Jn. 3:19; 2 Thess. 2:10)? If you love truth, do you love subjective truth, or objective truth? Subjective truth is regulated by opinion: how it makes someone feel. Objective truth remains true whether anyone believes it or not: regardless of how it makes someone feel.

Have you heard the phrase, “God said it, so I believe it”? That’s objective truth. However, what if what God said makes an individual uncomfortable to the point where they begin to question what God said, or attempt to redefine terms to meet their beliefs?

The subject may involve baptism and its purpose. Do you believe what the scriptures say in Acts 2:37-38, that require obedience? Do you believe what the scriptures say in Acts 22:16 that states what baptism does? Do you apply objective truth, or begin to say, “Well, I think,” or “It seems to me...” because it conflicts with your subjective truth?

Thinking out loud: How do you view relationships? What is your perspective of this truth: “Servants, *be* in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.” (1 Pet. 2:18). How about, “Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see* that she fear her husband” (Eph. 5:33): fear defined: to *frighten*, that is, (passively) to *be alarmed*; by analogy to *be in awe* of, that is, *revere* (Strong’s). Does that make an individual uncomfortable? Let’s take it one step further: “As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they that lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths” (Isa. 3:12). At this moment, does the knowledge you have acquired make you comfortable, or uncomfortable? ret