

DOING TRUTH

(John 3:16-21)

- Introduction:
1. We often stress the need for preaching and teaching the truth as opposed to error, and so does the Bible (Galatians 1:8-9; Ephesians 4:15).
 2. However, it is possible to stand for the truth, while not practicing it.
 3. Some may want it preached, but don't want to practice it.
 4. Notice what Jesus said in John 3:21—"He who **does** the truth..."
 5. Let's note several truths that we need to be doing.

I. Receive One Who Is Weak In The Faith

- A. (Romans 14:1).
- B. The lives of the weak are often messy and require a lot of attention—are you willing to give it?
- C. It is easy to disdain and be judgmental toward the weak—can you resist such urges?
- D. (1 Thessalonians 5:14).

II. Be Kind To One Another

- A. (Ephesians 4:32).
- B. Our church family ought to be people we can depend upon for support and understanding.
- C. Wrangling and arguing with each other does not demonstrate kindness.

III. Bless Those Who Persecute You

- A. (Romans 12:14).
- B. Can you bring yourself to pray for your enemy? To wish them well?
- C. (1 Thessalonians 5:15).

IV. Restore Those Overtaken In Any Trespass

- A. (Galatians 6:1).
- B. Do you know someone who is unfaithful, or who is stumbling in their walk with God?
- C. What have you said or done in an attempt to help that person?
- D. (James 5:19-20).

V. Learn The Meaning Of Mercy

- A. (Matthew 9:10-13).
- B. Cold, rigid formalism is unacceptable to God.
- C. We who have received so much grace and mercy, should of all people, be the ones who are ready and willing to be gracious and merciful to others.
- D. (Matthew 18:21-35).

- Conclusion:
1. God help us to uphold the truth, love the truth, defend the truth, and speak the truth.
 2. But that's not enough. We must also do the truth if we want God's approval.