

Session #1: Truth or Tradition
(The Clash)

Where the Spirit of Truth Is “Not”, the Spirit of Anti-Christ “Is” – 1 Jo 4:1-6

- We will be like our “teacher” – Lk 6:40; Matt 8:19

“Tradition” – to hand down, over... from man to man (“2nd hand” faith) – Is 29:13

...idolatry: making a “god” out of a “no-god” – Jer 10:3,4,5,8

...we cannot “borrow” someone else’s revelation – Matt 25:1-13

“Truth” – what God says – Jo 17:17 (“1st hand” faith) – Ps 119:102; Jo 7:16

...life giving – Jo 6:63

...God’s personal “say so”; His self-disclosure – Jo 14:6; 17:3; Lk 24:27,44; Eph 4:20-21

We Must Get Over the Offensiveness of Absolute Truth – Matt 11:6; 15:12

...eternal, absolute, unchanging nature of it – Heb 13:8; Mal 3:16; Ja 1:17

...the mystery of it – 1 Cor 2:14; Col 1:27

...the “sword” that comes with it – Matt 10:34

Embraced Truth Results in Sight and Liberty – Acts 9:8-10:28; Acts 28:31; Jo 8:31-36

The Clash Between Truth and Tradition (Is 29:1-24; Matt 15:1-14; Mk 7:1-13)

- Isaiah: “Lip service” without “Life service” – Is 29:13

...traditions of man at center, Truth of God on the periphery

...results/evidence: _____

- Jesus: Their traditions violated the Truth

...teach man-made prescriptions as though they’re from God (Mk 7:7); lay aside the Truth to do so (Mk 7:8); reject what God says altogether (Mk 7:9)

...charge: “You have ‘un-lorded’ the truth and crowned ‘your’ tradition king!”

...becoming: “hypocrites” (play actors in a play of your own writing!)

...warning: “Stay away from them!” (Jo 5:37-44; Is 55:13)