

3rd John # 20“Summary Conclusion”

3rd John 1-14; Proverbs 8:33-36; 2nd Peter 1:12-19; Hosea 4:1-6

John was an intelligent educated man who wrote in a simple yet profound Greek vocabulary, using words that were loaded with depth and layers of meaning, indicating that he had mulled over his interaction with Jesus Christ for years.

In his epistles, John is highly concerned for those he considers God’s dear children because of the abundance of false teaching threatening them.

If they follow the false teachers, they break fellowship with apostolic doctrine and therefore, they break fellowship with Jesus Christ and God the Father and that is failure in the Christian life and shame at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

When people are influenced by the human viewpoint thinking of the culture around them, it destroys their biblical integrity, which in turn, destroys their understanding of love.

Human viewpoint thinking distorts divine viewpoint and we can’t emphasize truth over love because truth learned, understood and believed under the filling of the Holy Spirit will always produce the fruit of virtue love.

To walk in truth, we must walk by means of the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy and peace; so if we’re not walking in truth there’s going to be no love.

John is so pleased that the recipients in both epistles walk in truth by means of God the Holy Spirit, producing the fruit of the Spirit and advancing to spiritual maturity through the application of God’s truth.

Gaius, the epistle’s recipient, loves the Lord and therefore loves the truth and John who also loves the Lord dearly, loves the truth and loves anyone else who shares his devotion to God and His Word.

Diotrephes despises the truth; not only passively by rejecting it privately but actively also by choosing to pursue those who identify with Jesus Christ in sharing His truth by ostracizing them and anyone who even thinks of supporting them.

Four times John calls Gaius his dear friend emphasizing their close personal relationship based on their mutual love for God’s truth which provides fertile ground for their mutual love for each other.

The strategic victory of Jesus Christ began on the cross when He bore our sins in His own body on the tree and understanding that is key to a successful Christian life which is our tactical victory.

That requires a disciplined lifetime study of God’s truth.

Biblical truth must become for us, more real than our experiential knowledge; 2nd Peter 1:12-19.

When we continue to take in God’s truth, it becomes more real to us than anything else and with this viewpoint, we’re motivated for everything in life that God designed for us to do.

In eternity past, God the Father appointed Jesus Christ to the mission of eternal salvation for the human race and when He was on the cross bearing our sins and taking our place, that mission was accomplished.

The plan of God advances today because Jesus Christ has given the heritage of God’s truth to us.

We have the truth in the Word of God and we have the communicator authorized to teach it and we have the local church as the classroom in order that a minus we all have without God's truth in us, might become a plus.

The filling of the Holy Spirit plus biblical truth resident in the soul of the believer is the power system of the royal family on this earth.

Therefore, biblical truth is important to balance out the soul of the believer because without biblical truth in the soul and only the filling of the Holy Spirit, we have an imbalance and this must be rectified by adding biblical truth in the soul, creating a balance of residency, guaranteeing success.