

## Truth Once Seen is Forever Kept

A few years ago I was standing in the church office when a FedEx delivery truck pulled into the lot. For some reason, when I looked at the logo on the truck I saw the “arrow” between the ‘E’ and the ‘X’ (you may have to look it up to see it). Once I saw the arrow I have not been able to “un-see” it.

I have mentioned the FedEx illustration in some sermons since that day. I have found that some people see it and some don’t. Some people can see it when someone else points it out, and some cannot see it even with help.

This reminds me of people and truth. Whether it is a biblical truth, a political truth, a health truth, or other truth. Once you see it, it sticks. Some people can research and see truths on their own. Others need someone to guide them, like the Ethiopian in **Acts 8**. Some people just never get it, like some of the philosophers in Athens (**Acts 17**).

What about truth in the world today? Let me share a “for instance” with you. With the rise of censorship on social and the mainstream media we have seen a rise of “fact checkers.” Do you remember when there were no such things? When the health narrative was challenged, we suddenly had a deluge of fact checkers correcting opposing views and censoring or shutting down social media accounts.

Where’s the truth? Where is free speech? It appears that neither count on social media or the mainstream media.

Could it be that it soon won’t count on a public street or in a church building? Unless we fundamentally get back to our unalienable rights, Pastors and other Bible teachers will be censored and teaching the biblical position on sins like homosexuality or government tyranny will be considered hate speech. That hate speech is likely to be dealt with in a harsh manner.

By the way, this is a truth that is happening in the world today. Churches and church leaders are being attacked because they speak what the Bible says instead of their government-approved message. Have you seen it? If things don’t change, you will, right here in the good ol’ USA.

During the years leading up to the American Revolution, Americans dealt with unjust taxation on things like paper goods and tea. British tea companies were exempted from a Tea Tax that American companies had to pay. Some saw the tyranny right away. Some had to be guided to see it. Some never did see it.

As people began to wake up to reality and truth (they weren’t the ‘Woke’ of today, just awake), they took measures to stand up against the tyranny they saw based on the truth that was right before their eyes. Thus we had events like the “Boston Tea Party.” The Sons of Liberty dressed up as Indians and dumped British tea into the Boston Harbor. I read that no other damage was done. They even replaced the lock they broke with a new one. No lives were taken and no one was harmed.

Paul wrote this in **2 Corinthians 3:12-18** (ESV):

**<sup>12</sup>Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, <sup>13</sup>not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end.**

**<sup>14</sup>But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. <sup>15</sup>Yes, to this day whenever**

**Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. <sup>16</sup> But when one<sup>[c]</sup> turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Once you see the truth, especially with the help of the Lord, you will always see it. Once that truth gets hold of you, it will transform your very heart and life.

We know **John 8:32** about how truth makes us free, but let's go back a verse and look at **John 8:31-32** (ESV):

**<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

Knowing truths of God come by continually living in the word of God. This is what makes true disciples. People who abide in the word of God are not easily led astray either religiously or politically. They become trained in truth. It's not a hobby it is a lifestyle.

By contrast, when we do not see the truth, we may become hard of heart. We may fail to see it because we won't look. We may fail to see it because we are too proud and won't listen. Failing to see the truth is a guarantee to bondage and slavery. Knowing truth with head, heart, and actions leads to freedom. Which will you choose?

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