

WHAT I LEARNED THIS WEEK DURING THE BIBLE CONFERENCE

TRUTH...

“Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.”

~Ephesians 4:15

Speaking the truth in love...The problem in translating this phrase is that *we have no verb* for **TRUTH** in the *English language*, while the *Greek* does. It literally means **TRUTH-ING in love**. The basic concept is that our *manner of life* is to be **TRUTH**. *Thinking TRUTH...speaking TRUTH...always dealing TRUTHFULLY...doing TRUTH...etc.* **TRUTH** isn't just our *motive...our methods* must be *true*. And all must be done in a spirit of genuine *agape love*. Always *without diversions to divide our faithfulness...without hypocrisy to deny our witness...without divisions to hinder our purpose* in Him.

1. The person and nature of God. What it is to be *in Christ* and *Christ to be in us*.

- God is **love**...[I John 4:7-11](#).
- All other attributes of God are defined by His love. **Holy...Righteous...Just...etc.** In His *justness*...He judges based on His *love*.

2. A privilege brings responsibility...[Hebrews 10:19-25](#)

[Verse 22](#)... “Let us...”

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[Verse 24](#)... “Let us...”

- Responsible to have **faith** in the person of the Lord Jesus.

It's not enough to just have **faith**...but it's who or what you have **faith** in.

“And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

~Hebrews 11:6

- Responsible to have **hope** in His promises.

A **promise** verses a **proverb**...

I.e. “*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*” ([Philippians 4:19](#)).

Three types of needs:

- ...**Casual needs**. General needs...food, shelter, clothing.
- ...**Critical needs**. Healing needs...grace needs to face critical times in life...etc.
- ...**Crucial needs**. The need that you can't live without the Lord Jesus.

- Responsible to have **love** for His people.

How does this happen. [Verses 25](#)...the church gathers together.