

## Reform

1. Have workers call a workers meeting and admit that the truth may not have existed in its current fashion since the days of Christ. Notes from the meeting would be passed around to elders and meetings around the world.
2. Outlaw ex-communications (workers denying people taking part in meeting) for marriage reasons, dress, disagreeing with workers, or involvement with a Christian denomination.
3. Stop sermons about outward appearances, emphasis on meeting attendance, no Saturday night visits by friends, no association with unprofessing people and stop telling people who to marry!
4. Support activities for our young people.
5. Donate worker surplus to charity; even to people not a part of our fellowship.
6. Stop emphasizing our "differences" with the world. Focus on real sin and not the breaking of worker designed rules and traditions!!
7. Stop worker sermons criticizing unnamed friends for being weak saints and not upholding the standard!
8. Emphasize the teachings of Jesus and stop referring to what "an older brother worker" used to say in meetings.
9. Workers need to stop the judging! Shed the robe and gavel and let God be the Judge of the quick and the dead!
10. Stop trying to defend the Truth as a religion and the ONLY way. A way that began in 1897 cannot be the ONLY way. Nobody in the USA professed until 1903.
11. Workers need to visit all sick people in a nursing home/hospital and not just those that profess.
12. Start trying to increase the number of professing people and stop trying to set "conditions" for people to profess! Go to the highways and byways and compel all to profess. Jesus and Paul did not make people sweat through months of gospel meetings and state "conditions" for people to profess! They just asked them if they believed! Witness Zaccheus, Legion, Lydia, Jailer, and the Ethiopian Eunuch!!

13. Ban position of overseer. Samuel protested when the children of Israel wanted a king. An overseer is a king! Many cut people off from fellowship with family and friends in fellowship meetings!

14. Encourage friends to own and display Christian signs and literature. Religious shirts, bumper stickers, crosses on the neck etc. People in Hebrews 11 declared plainly that they sought a better country.

15. Stop criticizing internet sites against the Truth.

Realize the truth is NOT perfect and reform can only better any group. Once the problems are corrected then you have a sweeter fellowship.

16. Workers need to advertise their group more.

Remind people of a crusade to reestablish the New testament church.

17. Financial disclosure is badly needed.

18. Stop secret workers meetings and allow the friends to attend the meetings.

19. Stop assigning workers to a field. Let the workers travel around across a state or province unhindered by the restraints of a field. **Friends**, let me tell you that the work of God has been hindered by some judgmental workers. Demand that the New Testament Church is resurrected like the one established by Jesus that tolerated the doubts of Thomas and the denial of Peter!!

20. Allow instrumental music in the fellowship meetings. This way of praising God is very biblical Ps 98:5,6 and 144:9.

Demand that the New Testament Church is resurrected! Take away worker worship and power abuse! Let God be our great leader! Let the Holy Spirit be our teacher! We reformed friends will keep up the battle to bring Christ into the meetings and judgmental Pharisee like behavior out of the fellowship!!

**Warning:** James 2:13 For there will be no mercy for you if you have not been merciful to others.

But if you have been merciful, then God's mercy toward you will triumph over his judgement against you.

**H**ow is the Spirit received?

Scripture overwhelmingly points to faith in Christ as being the key that opens the door for the Spirit to enter.

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

## Faith in what?

Rom 4:5 But to him that...believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

## What does this faith do for you?

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

1 John 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? *It is faith that overcomes the world!*

## Notice the witness of the early church...

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

The message was about God, not about the preacher(s). Jesus is the ONLY door. Paul preached this Word of faith Rom 10:8. He referred to the gospel as Acts 20:24 ..the gospel of the grace of God and as a 2 Cor 5:18 ...ministry of reconciliation (to make friends with God again);

### Who is Jesus Christ? He is God the Son. \*

1. The Gospel of John: in the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word (Jesus) was God. And the Word (Jesus) was made flesh.
2. Only God can forgive sin; Jesus forgave sin.
3. The words of Thomas upon seeing the resurrected Christ; John 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him. My Lord and my God.
4. The response of his enemies; John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, ...we stone thee.. for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.
5. Mat 1:23 His name means "God with us".

\*the triune nature of God.....1 John 5:7

### Why would God let you into heaven?

There is only one reason, only one way...that is faith in the blood of Christ. Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood.. Heaven could never be earned by our holiness or sacrifice. Paul is specifically redundant in calling salvation a free gift in Romans 5.

### Can a person know if they are saved?

Yes! See 1 John 5:13.

### Is it true, everything I needed to know, I learned from God's Word? Yes!

2 Tim 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction and for instruction in righteousness. Isaiah 55:11 states that the Word does not return to Him [God] empty. Paul writes to Timothy that "from a child you have known the Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation". Sin is a "blood" disease inherited from Adam; the Word of God pierces even to the marrow (where blood is produced).

Heb 4:12 There is power in the Scripture (God's Word)! Salvation belongs to God alone. In summary, God's Word is powerful, Scripture is God's Word, and the Word is able to save the soul.

### What is God's plan for you?

1. *Personal holiness*  
Psa 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth [Christ] in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom [Christ].  
*Blessing to others*  
Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. See also 2 Chr 7:14  
*Glorify Him*  
1 Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
4. *Heaven*  
2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is ... not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

### Are you of the truth?

1 John 3:18,19 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

### How did Jesus live?

Acts 10:38...How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

**Do not confuse fruit with works.** Fruit of the Spirit is an inward result of having the Spirit within. Works are an outward result of having the Spirit within! The difference between the sheep and the goats is what they did! Matt 25 You will be judged according to what you've done.  
Rev. 20:13

### Truth

God is God, and can be found wherever. - and is found to begin with in our hearts. God can be heard in "false" preachers as easily as Satan can be heard in the words of Jesus himself. It all depends on the "voice" that the hearer is attuned to listen to. Look at how some "heard" Jesus himself! I don't think you could have had a truer preacher. Some crucified Him for what they "heard" Him say. Who did they hear really? Look at how the one thief somehow "heard" God in all the derisive words that were said to Jesus that day when He said nothing. I don't think you could have had more false preachers. No matter who states truth - even if a donkey told you - it would still be truth. Truth is reality. It is the basic foundation in life upon which we must build our beliefs, values and priorities.

"Thy word is truth," John 17:17

Truth is revealed through God's Word in the Bible. When Jesus said "I am...the Truth", he was revealing the reality of God, which is Truth. The Bible is the supreme standard of truth against which all teachings of men must be measured to assess their value and truth. John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Questioning what is taught as truth does not change a person into a disobedient or unwilling person with a "wrong spirit." It has been said "Truth is what it is independently, whether any mind recognizes it or not. We do not make truth". Truth is truth, no matter the source. Truth doesn't change, regardless of who expresses it or exposes it--the Bible, the devil or a talking donkey. If it's true--it's truth, no matter the source! Damning or discrediting the source of information has no effect on truth.

**Am 1 erefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth? Gal 4:16**

For more information on history of "the truth":

<http://home.earthlink.net/~truth>