

# Realities of the Truth

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Paone

#### 1. The Truth is Revealed

- The truth is not a philosophical ideology
- "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (Jn. 14:6)

## 2. The Truth cannot be wielded or controlled

Gravity

Truth cannot be changed, just accepted, and dealt with.

# 3. Those who know the Truth, know God, and thus glorify Him as God.

- Those who deny the Truth deny God
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#### 4. The Truth is Love

- The truth is the correct expression of love
- "[Love] does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth..." (1 Cor. 13:6)

## 5. The Truth is Exclusive

 "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and fourfooted animals and creeping things." (Rom. 1:20-23)

6. The Truth will be persecuted

 "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2 Tim. 3:12-13)

# Final Thoughts

- True Christians are the lovers of the Truth
- "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (2 Thes. 2:9-12)