

## Sermon Series: Sermons on Calvinism

Sermon Text: 2 John 1-13 Christian Education for Life Formation

**Because Jesus Christ reveals God the Father all Truth is found in Him.**

**1) Because Truth is Personal all teaching should relate to Christ.**

- a) “the truth that abides in us” alludes to Christ (John 14:18-20)
- b) **Application:**
  - i) All truth is God’s truth.
  - ii) All things are truly known in relation to Christ/God.
  - iii) True education pursues Christ and serves His kingdom.

**2) Because Truth is knowable learning and teaching is imperative.**

- a) “all who know the Truth”
- b) “the teaching of Christ . . . the teaching . . . this teaching” (vv. 9, 10)
- c) **Application:**
  - i) Personal relationship requires factual knowledge.
  - ii) Christ is inexhaustible. So, we can always increase in the knowledge of Christ.
    - (1) Are you studying the Bible and theology?
    - (2) Are you studying your vocation and hobbies with a view to Christ’s Lordship over all things?
  - iii) True education handles the facts of Christ and His creation.
    - (1) Catechism
    - (2) Scripture memory
    - (3) Science—Creator; History—Providence

**3) Because Truth is livable holy-love is imperative.**

- a) “walking in the Truth” (v. 4)
- b) “that we love one another” (v. 5)
- c) “this is love, that we walk according to His commandments” (v. 6)
- d) **Application:**
  - i) A relationship with the Truth that is growing in knowledge leads to loving obedience, not legalism.
  - ii) True education cultivates godly wisdom.

**4) Because Truth is stable abiding in Truth is imperative.**

- a) “the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever” (v. 2)
- b) “not . . . a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning” (v. 5)
- c) “just as you have heard from the beginning” (v. 6)
- d) “many deceivers . . . who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh”
  - i) Wandering from the truth
  - ii) Docetism
- e) “everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ” (v. 9)
  - i) A wrong kind of “progress”—away from Christ (v. 9a)
  - ii) A right kind of progress—into Christ (v. 9b)
- f) **Application:**
  - i) Abiding in the Truth demands discernment.
  - ii) True education recognizes that there is no neutrality. The only alternative to the Truth is the antithesis, the antichrist.

**Doxology:** Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. (Revelation 19:11)