

Introduction

1. The disciple's rejection will not be absolute...
2. Christ cares deeply how His people are treated...
3. There is a reinforcement of the principle given in vs. 39...
4. Jesus teaches us that true Christians will be characterized by three things; Love for the Truth, Love for those who Preach the Truth, Love for all Others Who Love the Truth...

I. True Christians Love the Truth vs. 40

A. They are of the Truth...

B. They Receive the Truth (all that Jesus teaches...) see Matthew 15:26-27

Observation: *There are some who claim to love Jesus yet turn deaf ears to His truth... II Thessalonians 2:10*

C. Love of the Truth "A Distinctive Trait of True Godliness..."

II. Love of the Truth Identified and Defined...

A. Not Simply a Love for a System of Theology...

B. It's the Truth About God...as found in His Word...

There will be:

1. A high regard for the Bible...
2. A Conviction that the Bible reveals the objective truth of God...
3. A Great interest in the study of that truth...
4. A readiness and willingness to defend the truth...
5. Zeal to speak the truth...
6. A sincere effort to live according to the Truth...

Application: