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Let me remind you of the Jesus movement or revolution of the 1960s and 70s.

1. Truth came through Jesus. He is the standard of truth.

[Jhn 1:17 KJV] 17 For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Worldly truth is deceptive. If God is a God of Love, How could he kill little children? Satan uses partial truth.

[2Jo 1:7 KJV] 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

2. God's truth is the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. His truth is the standard and it makes you free.

[Jhn 8:32, 40 KJV] 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. ... 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham.

Bob Hoekstra: "Jesus was sent forth to "proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound." As with captive Israel of old, people today get into bondage to the world system. They become captivated by worldly thinking, bound by bad habits, and imprisoned by ungodly relationships. Jesus is the great liberator for all who cry out to Him and feed thereafter upon His inspired word."

3. Satan is passing out his truth. (Seven examples)

- a. **Did God really say that you cannot eat from every tree? You shall not surely die. You will know the difference between good and evil. The Truth: God's truth means what it says. Adam and Eve died spiritually. The Earth was put under a curse. We must be born again.**

[Gen 3:22 NKJV] 22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever".

[Jhn 3:5-6 KJV] 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

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Adrian Rogers: There's nobody so good he need not be saved, and there's nobody so bad he cannot be saved. That's what it's all about.

b. My Lord delays his coming. The Truth: No one knows the hour so be ready.

[Mat 24:36 NKJV] 36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

[Mar 13:32 NKJV] 32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

c. The Bible is not relevant. The Truth: Heaven and Earth shall pass away but my Word will never pass away.

[Mat 24:35 KJV] 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

[Mar 13:31 KJV] 31 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

[Luk 21:33 KJV] 33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

[2Ti 3:16-17 KJV] 16 All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

d. There are many ways to God. The Truth: Jesus said he is the only way to the Father. (Back to our opening text.)

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[Jhn 15:26 KJV] 26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

[Heb 10:25 KJV] 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Greg Laurie reminds us, Church is where we worship together, find accountability to one another, and discover and use our spiritual gifts. We simply cannot be the Christians God has called us to be without being part of the church.

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- e. **Take care of number 1 because your happiness and your success should be your number 1 priority. The Truth: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.**

[Mat 6:31-33 NKJV] 31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. If you seek God above all things, you will have time for your family and yourself.

- f. **God is a loving God, He understands. The Truth: He understands humanity is hopeless so he sent His one and only Son to redeem humanity.**

[Heb 9:27 KJV] 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

If you are not part of the family, it's a bad thing.

[Jhn 8:44 KJV] 44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

- g. **God hates me. The Truth: Don't kick the can down the road. God does not hate you. [Psa 9:16 KJV] 16 The LORD is known [by] the judgment [which] he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgsaion. Selah.**

[2Pe 3:9 KJV] 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

God hates seven things. [Pro 6:16-19 KJV] 16 These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: 17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, 19 A false witness [that] speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

[Deu 32:41 KJV] 41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

[Zec 8:16-17 KJV] 16 These [are] the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates: 17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these [are things] that I hate, saith the LORD.

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[Jhn 16:13 KJV] 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

Greg Laurie: If you are strong spiritually, then you build up the church a little more. If you are weak spiritually, you weaken it a little more. If you allow God to use you to touch lives, you help the church a little more. And if you're compromising spiritually, you weaken it a little more. Every person has an effect.

Instead of approaching church like a consumer looking to simply get in and get out every weekend, come in and use the gifts that God has given you.

It can change your life, and it can certainly change the way you see the church.

The church is the only organization that Jesus started. Jesus said He would build the church "and all the powers of hell will not conquer it" (Matthew 16:18 nlt). Every believer needs to be an active part of the church, because it is where we learn about God together.