Is Your Truth The Truth? 9-1-2024

- Relativism—assumption that there is no such thing as absolute <u>truth</u>.
- Subjectivism—I, the subject, have the right to determine what is right and wrong without submitting my judgment to any authority outside myself.

VIRTUES

- The most important virtue during the life of Jesus: Justice
- Today's most important virtue: <u>Tolerance</u>

For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their <u>itching ears want to hear</u>. They will turn their ears away from <u>the truth</u> and <u>turn aside to myths</u>.

CULTURAL CHRISTIANITY BELIEFS ABOUT RIGHT AND WRONG

1) I'm not a bad person.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

- 2) You have no right to tell me how to live.
- 3) I can justify doing anything I want to do.

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a <u>depraved mind</u>, to do what <u>ought not to be done</u>. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things <u>deserve</u> <u>death</u>, they not only <u>continue to do these very things</u> but also <u>approve of those who practice them</u>.

Romans 1:28-32

TWO BLACK & WHITE TRUTHS ABOUT YOU

1) YOU ARE A BAD PERSON.

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8

All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags... Isaiah 64:6

2) YOU CAN FIND FORGIVENESS AND HEALING THROUGH CHRIST.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will <u>forgive</u> us our sins and purify us from <u>all unrighteousness</u>. 1 John 1:9

Godly <u>sorrow</u> brings <u>repentance</u> that leads to salvation and leaves no regret... 2 Corinthians 7:10

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18