

Morning Worship

April 30, 2017

Pastor — Allan Lane Organ --- Alva Lou Schottel

Worship Leader — Tim Waters Piano — Sharon Waters

As you enter for worship, please silence your cell phones.

(CCLI permit # 424692 covers all copyright song lyrics)

Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-5 Tim/People

Hymn # 54 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Tim/People

Worship Prayer Allan Lane

Welcome and Fellowship Allan/People

Chorus # 178 *He Is Lord* Tim/People

Hymn # 337 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* Tim/People

Hymn # 333 *Leaning On the Everlasting Arm* Tim/People

Offering Prayer Fred Kerns

Tithes and Offerings People

Offering Music Sharon Waters

Anthem *Worthy Is the Lamb* Worship Choir

Children's Worship (Children are dismissed)

Scripture Reading Allan/People

Message ***The King of Truth*** Allan Lane

Hymn # 298 *I'll Live For Him* Tim/People

Prayer Concerns Allan/People

Chorus # 533 *He Lives* Tim/People

The King of Truth

John 18:28-38

Introduction: Major Emphases

In 1933 F. C. Grant sought to detail the issues connected with the development of Gospel writing. In that study he considered the probable motives behind the emergence of the Gospels. Building upon Grant's concern, it seems to me that a number of motives can be suggested for the writing of the Gospels. Before launching into a discussion of these motives, however, it is well to be reminded that John's Gospel, like Luke's (cf. 1:1-4), **does contain a stated purpose for its writing at John 20:30-31:**

Many other signs, indeed, Jesus did in the presence of his disciples which have not been recorded [or written down] in this book; yet these have been recorded in order that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that [in the genuine process of] believing you might have life in [the power, of, or by virtue of] his name! (author translation)

When this verse is set in the context of the entire Gospel, it becomes a magnificent door through which the studied reader can gain access to the motives behind the writing of this document, which **Clement of Alexandria well designated as the "Spiritual Gospel."**

In accordance with this purpose statement it becomes immediately clear that the Gospel is **not intended as a mere academic exercise** but that the **reader is expected to provide an appropriate response.** That response is pointedly spelled

out in 20:31, where genuine life is identified for the reader as the goal of human existence. The attaining of that goal, moreover, is proclaimed to be achieved through the process of believing in the reality and nature of who Jesus is, both as the long-anticipated Messiah (Christ) and as the actual human embodiment of the Godhead on earth. It is another way of expressing the twofold nature of Jesus which Paul formulated in a more complex manner at Rom 1:3–4. But as will become evident in the Gospel, believing is not mere intellectual assent but involves committing oneself to this Jesus.

The **general purpose of this Gospel thus has both a missionary or evangelistic side and also an instructional side** (both will be discussed further). The very nature of its recording is for the purpose of communicating a message. But it is not a message of some visionary experience of a seer who has been encapsulated in a spiritual trance and who seeks to enlighten readers as the result of such a mystical encounter. Instead, the **evangelist clearly defines the Gospel as a written record that relates directly to miraculous signs Jesus performed in the actual presence of his disciples.** These disciples had come to understand that the name of Jesus, like that of God, is a symbol of the presence of life-giving power for humanity.

The purpose statement also indicates that not everything that happened while Jesus was on earth has been recorded in this Gospel. **Clearly much more was known**, as John 21:25 indicates, and thus the reader should not be troubled if only a small part of John overlaps with the Synoptic Gospels. What has been included is a determined selection, written with a stated purpose in mind. It probably is best, therefore, **not to refer to the Gospel of John as a “Life of Jesus”** but rather as a **“Testimony about Jesus”** that is aimed at providing the reader with insight into the strategic offer of eternal life in Jesus. With this perspective in mind, further analysis of the motives behind the writing of the Gospel can be conducted.

(Borchert, G. L. (1996). John 1–11 (Vol. 25A, pp. 30–31). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers. The New American Commentary)

By the time John wrote his Gospel, most likely he was aware of others, so he did not repeat much of their material. As the disciple whom Jesus loved, he presents the evidence based on the question asked by Pilate in John 18:38. Jesus is ...

1. The Liberating Truth. John 8:32

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

a. Free from deception of Satan.

b. Free from sin .

c. Free from bondage of opinion.

2. The Sanctifying Truth. John 17:17, 19

Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

a. To set apart .

Sanctify—to set apart for God’s ownership and use. Obedience to the Truth sets God’s children apart from the world and places them in total ownership and control of God’s Spirit.

b. To make holy .

Sanctify—to make Holy. Obedience to the truth brings God’s children into a life of holiness.

3. The Defending Truth. John 3:21, 8:46

"Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Ephesians 6:14

The truth of God is part of the Armor that Christian soldiers wear. Truth provides protection from...

a. False doctrine .

b. False accusations .

c. Temptations .

Why is it important to test our beliefs to determine the truth of what we believe? Satan is a deceiver. We must know the truth!

4. The Exclusive Truth. John 18:37

"To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice."

a. Christ is the source .

Christ is the source of all truth.

b. All other is false .

Any philosophy or theory that goes against the teaching of God's Word is not founded in the Truth.

5. The Eternal Truth. Psalm 100:5

For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. (Psalms 100:5)

The truth of God is eternal. Truth does not change with the seasons. Truth is not altered by the opinions of man. God's Word is the source of all truth. Each of us will one day stand before God and give account for what we did with the truth. Jesus Christ is the Truth. How will you respond to the truth?

How Will You Respond to the Truth?

What is Truth?

A Russian couple was walking down the street in St. Petersburg when the man felt a drop hit his nose. "I think it's raining," he said to his wife.

"No, that felt more like snow to me," she replied.

"Actually, I'm sure it was just rain," he said.

Before a major argument broke out over whether it was raining or snowing, they saw a minor Communist Party official walking toward them. "Let's not fight about it," the man said, "let's ask Comrade Rudolph whether it's officially raining or snowing." As the official approached, the man said, "Tell us Comrade Rudolph, is it officially raining or snowing?"

"It's raining, of course," he answered as he began to walk on.

But the woman insisted: "I know that felt like snow!" To which the man quietly replied: "Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!"

Before you boo, hear me out. Truth can be like beauty, defined as in the eye of the beholder. Mankind has been in dispute over the meaning of truth since the beginning of time. Ask anybody the question; what is truth? Responses will vary depending on what that person has experienced and their understanding of reality. With such differences of opinion and conviction, individual humanity has been missing the defining meaning of absolute truth, that is, something that should mean the same to every human.

The dictionary gives the definition of truth as; the real facts about something, the things

that are true. Additionally, words such as fidelity and consistency are used, and the state of being, sincerity in action, character and utterance. British dictionaries use fidelity to an original or to a standard.

Without a universal standard, humanity lives in chaos. Look anywhere in history and you will see that without a true standard to live by, individual truths only result in conflict since we want others to live by our standards, rules or belief, so the world will be at peace with us. While there is a desire for harmony in relationships, we can't reach such bliss with conflicting and individual truths. Such is the case with religion. For example, there are so many versions of truth within the Evangelical Church that 41,000 denominations exist in the U.S. alone. Add to this list the differences in other religions around the world, and you find vast confusion about truth of life and how to live in success.

John records in his Gospel that Jesus clearly answered the dilemma over truth. In John 14:6 Jesus alone laid claim to being eternal truth embodied in flesh. Therefore, the true standard is Jesus, and everything else is a lie. It's up to us to decide the truthfulness of life. We have to decide if it is really true that our sins are an offense to God. We have to decide if it is true that God really loves us. We have to decide if it is true that everything we do is going to have consequences for the rest of our lives and into eternity. Choose The Truth. Choose Jesus.

God Bless You!

Bro. Allan

Opportunities For Service

Living out Your Spiritual Commitment . . . and Fulfilling Christ's Divine Plan

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Choir Rehearsal.....9:00 am

Sunday School.....9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: ? ? ? ? Ken Nice, Don Sharp, Fred Kerns

Alternate: Isaac Waters

SJBA Semi-Annual

Meeting..... 4:00 pm

Fairport Baptist Church

Van leaves at 3 pm

No Evening Worship.....

Wednesday, May 3

Youth Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Bible Study.....6:30 pm

Adult Choir.....7:30 pm

Thursday, May 4

Senior Adult Event

FBC Savannah.....10:00 am

G Team.....6:30 pm

Sunday, May 7, 2017

Choir Rehearsal..... 9:00 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Morning Worship.....10:30 am

Nursery: Volunteers as needed

Ushers: Larry McKahan, Isaac Waters, Ken Kirkpatrick, Bill Schottel

Alternate: Ken Nice

Mission Trip Meeting..... 4 pm

Evening Worship..... 6:30 pm

Wednesday, May 10

Youth Study..... 6:30 pm

Prayer / Bible Study6:30 pm

Adult Choir 7:30 pm

Thursday, May 11

W Team.....6:30 pm

Up-Coming Events.....

April 30 — SJBA Semi-Annual Meeting Fairport Baptist Church 4:00 pm

May 1 — Food Kitchen 5:30 pm

May 4 — Senior Adult Event, FBC Savannah, 10:00 am

May 14 — Mother's Day

May 22 — Youth Camp Forms are due

May 29 — Memorial Day

GROW Team

Commit to **GROW!** **Everyone make a contact!** Invite someone to Bible Study and Worship this week. ☺

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Sunday Nights

Tonight there will be no church due to the Semi-Annual Meeting. Next week we'll continue *Why I Believe* featuring Chip Ingram as he discusses **Life After Death** part 2.

Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study

This week we begin a new study. Surprise!! Come for prayer and see just what we are doing next. Hope to see you here at 6:30 pm!

Food Kitchen

We will serve tomorrow, Monday, May 1, at 5:30 pm. Please feel free to join us as we show the love of Christ and minister to those in need.

**SJBA Semi-
Annual Meeting
April 30, 2017**

4:00 pm
Fairport Baptist Church, Fairport
The Van will leave from the church at 3:00 pm

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14, 2017

Mission Trip 2017

The next meeting will be
May 7th, 4 pm at
Calvary Baptist Church.
Pass the word along to all
who might be interested .

Youth Camp ...

forms are due on
May 22, 2017.

Youth Camp is June 19-23.

Campers must have completed the 7th—12th grades.

Children's Camp ...

...forms will be out soon.

**Children's Camp is
July 17-21.**

Campers must have completed the 4th—6th grades.

Prayer Warriors

10:00 am

Wednesday, May 10

For the Record-

Attendance: April 16, 2017

Sunday School.....	36
Visitors.....	3
Total.....	39

Contacts Made.....	0
Morning Worship.....	42
Children's Worship.....	16
Wednesday Night	13

Financial Record:

Weekly Budget	\$ 2,040.52
Offering Received ...	\$ 985.22
Annie Armstrong	\$ 1,720.00

Offering Received by Mail:

May Counting Team:

Bill Schottel and John Lewis

May Van Driver:

George Burgess
Remember to call 232-3747
before 8 am if you need a ride.

May Member Birthdays:

03... Vicki Long
11... Hannah Schottel
12... Rev. A. B. Brown
17... Arlette Duty
20... Pam Eldredge
20... Erin Molloy
20... Mike Green
26... Isaac Waters

May Anniversaries

Russ and Nancy McCamy
May 22, 1982

Prayer Requests ...

Gina Harr—recovery
Rosella Davis—Flo Conard's sister
Pat Means—Mary Sharp's Sister
Stephanie and Jason Terpack
Mary Sharp's brother-in-law Jim
Don and Marcia —Don's Health
Troy Griswold—surgery recovery
Rev. A. B. Brown
Tracy Maisel and Tim Ford
Juanita and Bill Haskins—adjustments
Tim Izer
Gary & Peggy Fewins, Byron & Joel
George Ferbert—strength

Nellie Reynolds
Larry Danner—cancer treatment
Cynthia Burdick—cancer recovery
Jim Winans
Karissa and Matt Long and family
Betty Campbell
Lisa Bowers—Jack and Flo’s daughter
LoLeta Middleton—strength
Ellen Blanton and Lois Ulmer—
Elvera’s daughter & daughter-in-law
Stella Davis and Linda Rails—Doris
Richardson’s sisters

Madeline Swink	Ann Riddle
Kathryn Beavers	Keon McKahan
Louanne Laurence	Leona Reynolds
Jozy Winans	Kenny Duty
Kevin Duty	Buddy Means
Bill Haskins	Debbie Sands
Pat Puckett	Judy Anderson
Brenda Burgess	Roscoe Lane

Carolyn Houts
Missionaries Don and Diane Combs
Nickolay Nazaruk, Peski 2 Church
David and Deborah Grace
Jeanette Swackhamer—Beja People
Our Nation and Leaders
Our Military Service people

Today’s Prayer Requests ...

Our Nation and our Leaders ...

Five More New Families...
