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LAW 1

## God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life.

LAW 2

Man is sinful and separated from God.

LAW 3

Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin.

LAW 4

### We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

## Four Spiritual Truths

## The Truth About Death (12:23–26)

False Notion: Death is the end of life.

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Divine Truth: <u>Death</u> to <u>self</u> is the <u>doorway</u> to <u>abundant life</u>.

"God's children are like seeds. They are small and insignificant, but they have life in them, God's life. However, that life can never be fulfilled unless we yield ourselves to God and permit Him to 'plant us.'"

WARREN WIERSBE

"The man whose priorities are right has such an attitude of love for the things of God that it makes all interest in the affairs of this life appear by comparison as hatred...

"Loving one's life is a selfdefeating process. It destroys the very life it seeks to retain."

LEON MORRIS

### The Truth About Suffering (12:27,28)

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Divine Truth: <u>Suffering</u> can be the <u>pathway</u> to <u>glory</u>.

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

1 PETER 2:20B

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in His mouth."

When they hurled their insults at Him, He did not retaliate; when He suffered, He made no threats. Instead, He entrusted himself to Him who judges justly.

"He himself bore our sins" in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed."

# The Truth About Judgment (12:31, 33)

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Divine Truth: Christ's <u>death</u> is the <u>demonstration</u> of His <u>victory</u>.

### He forgave us all our sins,

COLOSSIANS 2:13B

having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross.

COLOSSIANS 2:14

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

COLOSSIANS 2:15

"The world thought it was passing judgment on Jesus...in the cross. In reality, the cross was passing judgment on them. Although the cross might seem like Satan's triumph, it is in fact his defeat."

D.A. CARSON

"The most spectacular display of God's glory is in a bloody instrument of torture because that is where God's goodness was most displayed."

D.A. CARSON

"'Messiah' suggested to the minds of the people a kingly son of David who would be anointed by God to bring to Israel political deliverance from the yoke of the heathen and to establish the earthly kingdom."

GEORGE ELDEN LADD

# The Truth About Light (12:35,36)

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Divine Truth: The <u>light</u> of Jesus <u>demands</u> an <u>urgent response</u>.

In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true Light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him.

He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him.

Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God —

children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

### Jesus came to revolutionize our assumptions about spiritual reality. Has He revolutionized yours?



