Calvary Chapel Living Water

What is Truth?

2 JOHN

Greeting the Elect Lady

**1**The Elder,

To the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, **2**because of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever:

**3**Grace, mercy, *and* peace will be with you from God the Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

Walk in Christ’s Commandments

**4**I rejoiced greatly that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. **5**And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. **6**This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

Beware of Antichrist Deceivers

**7**For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ *as* coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. **8**Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward.

**9**Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. **10**If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; **11**for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

John’s Farewell Greeting

**12**Having many things to write to you, I did not wish *to do so* with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full.

**13**The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

John 18:28-38 (Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?”)

Acts 17:30-34

**30**Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, **31**because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

**32**And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, “We will hear you again on this *matter.*” **33**So Paul departed from among them. **34**However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Acts 26:24-32

Agrippa Parries Paul’s Challenge

**24**Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!”

**25**But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. **26**For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner. **27**King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.”

**28**Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

**29**And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”

**30**When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; **31**and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, “This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains.”

**32**Then Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”

Because of the way the internet has changed the way we communicate and interact with one another on so many levels; it’s become necessary to explore the pros and cons of social media and its effects on our society.

The Pros

**1-Increased criminal prosecution because of social media**

The NYC police department began using Twitter back in 2011 to track criminals foolish enough to brag about their crimes online. When the Vancouver Canucks lost the Stanley Cup in 2011, their Vancouver fans took to the streets and rioted, but local authorities used social media to track and tag the people involved, and they caught people who were stealing during the riot.

**2-Social networking creates new social connections**

Statistics show that 70% of adults have used social media sites to connect with relatives in other states, and 57% of teens have reported making new friendships on social media sites.

**3-Students are doing better in school**

This is an interesting statistic about the pros and cons of social media and its effect on students doing well in school. Students with internet access at a rate of 50% have reported using social networking sites to discuss school work, and another 59% talk about instructive topics.

**4-Better quality of life**

If you want to talk about the pros and cons of social media, take a close look at all the support groups on Facebook. Members of these groups discuss their health conditions, share important information, and resources relevant to their conditions while creating strong support networks.

**5-Social media as a source of employment**

Job sourcing has gone modern thanks to social media. Sites such as LinkedIn are a major resource that 89% of job recruiters take advantage of when looking to hire potential employees.

Now let’s take a look at the Cons of social media.

**1-Social media and the news**

Much of the news information that people read about comes from social media websites, and that figure estimate is around 27.8 %. This figure ranks just under print newspapers at 28.8%, greater than radio’s figure of 18.8% and far outpaces the figure for other print publications at just 6%.

**2-Too much misinformation**

With the advent of the web, people started to create their own websites and blogs. While many of those blogs were just basic diaries, a few of them were about topics like health and politics while others were *how to* blogs.

Many blogs have turned into rumor mills, spreading misinformation that people tend to believe just because it’s on the web.

Rumors about hurricane Sandy and gunfights in other countries like Mexico have been picked up by reliable news services, and this misinformation has been shared without the proper vetting of the sources providing the information.

**3-Pupils spending too much time on social media sites have lower academic grades**

Here is another argument about the pros and cons of social media as it pertains to students. Statistics show that pupils using social media too often tend to have GPA’s of 3.06 compared to GPA’s of 3.82 for pupils who don’t use social media.

An even scarier fact is that students who use social media tend to score 20 % lower on their test scores then their counterparts.

**4-Social media sites to blame for lost productivity**

Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter are a direct cause for lost productivity at the workplace. In a survey 36 % of people said that social networking was the biggest waste of time in comparison to activities like fantasy football, shopping, and watching television.

**5-Social media is the cause for less face to face communication**

One last discussion about the [pros and cons of social media](http://www.toptensocialmedia.com/) is a lack of one on one communication. In a 2012 study families who reported spending less time with one another *rose* from a level of 8% in 2000 to 32% in 2011.

The study also reported that 32 % of the people in the survey either were texting or were on social media sites instead of communicating with each other during family gatherings.