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Truth and Salvation Part 1

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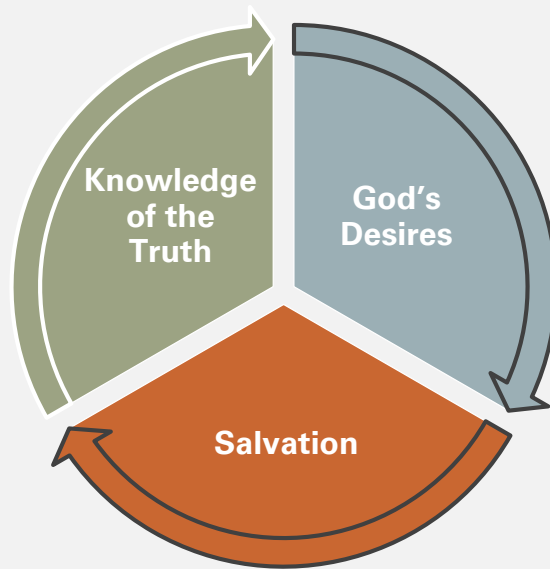
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Three parts to our 2018 decree:



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The journey from "saved" to "the knowledge of truth"

- 1. Pre-saved - Sin has blocked the way to freedom on earth and eternal life**



2 trees = Truth and lies; life and death

Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17

⁸ Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹ The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will **certainly die**."

Every sin is a lie and every lie IS sin

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2. Saved – Meet Jesus who is the door to The Way (justification)



John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the **way** and the **truth** and the **life**. No one **comes to the Father** except through me.

Salvation through faith in Jesus is the doorway to truth

John 10:9-10 NKJV

⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

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The tree of life

Genesis 3:21-24

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. ²² And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, **knowing good and evil**. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the **tree of life** and eat, and live forever." ²³ So the Lord God **banished him** from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴ After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to **guard the way to the tree of life**.



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3. Learn The Truth – The journey of Christian growth (sanctification)

**Truth starts in the inside
and works out**

Psalm 51:6 –

*Behold, You desire truth in the
innermost being, And in the hidden
part You will make me know
wisdom.*



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4. Know the truth – freedom, The Life



John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

***If you claim to know the truth
but do not live it
then you never really knew it***

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2018: TRUTH

God is asking Southern Lights:

Will you get honest with yourself in 2018?

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Salvation & evangelism

Titus 2:10-14

...so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour attractive.

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

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In pairs ...

**Who was the last person
you shared the truth about Jesus with
who became a Christian?**

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Commitment in 2018: Seven salvations

2 Corinthians 5:20

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.

***Write a Holy Spirit led list of 7 non-believers
to share the TRUTH of Jesus with***

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