**Obeying The Truth**

Rom 2:8 "But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,"

So those who do not "obey the truth" will receive "indignation and wrath" from God on the judgment day.

"Obeying the truth" would be the same as "obeying the gospel" ...

II Thess 1:8-9 "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

If we don't obey the gospel, God will take vengeance on us with flaming fire and everlasting destruction.

Another place where "obeying the truth" is mentioned is I Pet 1:22a.

I Pet 1:22a "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit ..."

Many preachers say all you have to do to be saved is believe, all you have to do is accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior, but this verse says you also have to obey. And that the purification (salvation) of our souls is dependent upon our obedience.

Notice the following other passages which teach the same thing:

* Heb 5:9 "And being made perfect, he (Jesus) became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.
* Matt 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven"
* James 2:24 "Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only."
* Rev 22:14 "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Most believers act like truth is not that important, that all the different types of churches are right even though they teach different things. But I Pet 1:22 teaches we must obey the truth to get our souls purified (forgiven). 2 + 2 can't equal 4 and 5 both.

Remember John 8:32 "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"? This means any doctrine different than what the Bible actually says will keep us from being made free from sin.

Erring from the truth will cause us to lose our soul …

James 5:19-20 “Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”

"Obeying the truth" includes what Rom 6:17-19 refers to as obeying that "form of doctrine."

Rom 6:17-18 "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

That verse says we must obey the "form of doctrine" in order to be "made free from sin." But what does that mean to obey the "form of doctrine"? The answer is earlier in the chapter.

Rom 6:3-4 "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:"

Do you see how water baptism is a form, a likeness or picture of the burial and resurrection of Christ? When we are immersed into the water and then raised up out of the water, that looks like Jesus going down into the grave and then being raised up.

So when we submit to water baptism, we are obeying the form of doctrine, we are obeying the truth, and our souls are thereby purified according to I Pet 1:22.