# **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Mercy spares us – mercy is kin to kindness

Truth makes us free – it is an absolute that gives certainty and stability.

• Mercy and truth are two of God's many attributes.

Ps 86:15 But thou, O Lord, *art* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

• Mercy and truth preserve and protect.

Ps 61:7 He shall abide before God for ever: O prepare mercy and truth, *which* may preserve him.

• Mercy and truth – will lead those that stay in the way – Gen. 24:27 Ge 24:27 And he said, Blessed *be* the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren.

• Mercy and truth will clear your sin account.

Pr 16:6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD *men* depart from evil.

• Mercy and truth were missing from the land.

Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

A Bible believer is familiar with these two attributes because of their relationship to God, but in general society they are almost foreign terms; with the exception of a judicial setting. You know "Do you promise to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. *So help you God*" And the kicker is sometimes they are to put their hand on the Bible. Well though they are conscious or unconscious of it – the Bible is truth.

Whoever stated "truth is relative" made a faulty statement. Truth is knowable and unchanging. What some people want are no absolutes. Truth is fact and reality. Truth is set against falsehood. It is used in conjunction with beliefs, propositions and declarative sentences.

One belief system opposed to another has to be resolved by an authority. A statement made should be supported by facts. And any plan or proposal should be substantiated again with valid support. i.e. Prove it!

# **\$UPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

Isa 59:14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

## "AN IDEAL CHURCH"

Intro. "Church" some people think "building,"

Gothic style with stained glass, & steeple

*Trending*: Modern coffee shop ambience, some with high tables and stools Auditorium with motorized projector screens and PowerPoint presentations.

## 1. Living

What makes a church 'living' a name, programs, live entertainment?

### 2. Learning

Place where we can "learn Christ" not learn the way of the heathen, or lament social issues

## 3. Liberal

Open handed NOT a political and social philosophy

## 4. Loving

 $\alpha\gamma\alpha\pi\epsilon$  – (agape) and πηιλια (philia) not εροσ (eros) ok better yet unfeigned, through the spirit, preferring others more than self,

## 5. Laboring

We are His workmanship created unto good works Labored in the gospel – plowmen, sower, reaper, Labored in prayer – Epaphras Colossians 4

## Tonight at 5:00 "GOD'S LIBRARY"

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Ciesielczyk – Amazon No, not Jeff Bezos Ciesielczyk's Amazon stock gives better dividend than Bezos Amazon stock

Observations in life:

- 1. The only thing worse than seeing something done wrong is seeing it done slowly.
- 2. The probability of someone watching you is proportional to the stupidity of your action.
- 3. Drink coffee! Do stupid things faster with more energy!