

Primary Text: Ephesians 4:1-16

Truth and love are intricately connected to one another. They are like dancing partners. When they are separated from one another they are less than, they are incomplete. Truth and love have a symbiotic relationship. In John's second epistle, he seemingly uses the two words interchangeably.

The role of the church is to be a witness. We are to be light in a world that is dark. If we cannot have unity with one another, if we do not show signs of being different, of being set apart in our unique ability to get along with those that are in our communities, why would we expect anyone to be drawn to God through our example.

Learning to speak the truth in love is the only way we have a chance to grow up in all things into Him – who is the head of our body – Christ Jesus. As Christians, we forfeit the right to say whatever we want without thinking about the effect that it will have on others. We have the power to create life with our actions and words.