

Good morning! Do you believe the Bible is true? You probably will answer yes, whether or not you are living as though it were true. On that, I think most Christians would agree. We also believe that some parts of scripture are allegorical--- we just disagree about which parts they are! This morning, let's consider the truth of the Bible as we read today's brief passage together:

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. **1 John 2:20**

This passage has always fascinated me. We all know the truth? Really? One of the most intimate and surprising activities of the Holy Spirit is the way He bears witness to scripture. It is much like the way He bears witness to Jesus. It isn't an impartation of some new knowledge but He opens our our previously dark minds to understand scripture in ways that apply in particular ways to us. Check this against your own experience; I've certainly seen it often in mine. You read a passage you know you've read before and yet suddenly you understand what you should do or how you should change what you have been doing. This authentication of God's truth in our lives is direct---it is immediate and focusing. We know, sometimes suddenly, what God wants from us and how to go about it. I have seen this operate time and again in my life and in the lives of people around me, whether or not they are seeking guidance. The Holy Spirit guides us into the truth, whether it is the truth about Jesus or the truths of scripture. This morning, take a few moments to thank God for the wonderful way He guides us. God really is good...all the time!