

**“Present Truth–Revisited”**

What is “present truth”? This is a very important question asked by laity and clergy alike. In order to share “present truth” we must know what it is!

“Present truth” has more than one component—health reform is to be proclaimed as an essential part of the “present truth” gospel.

**Words from God’s inspired servant**

“...Present truth” lies in the work of health reform as verily as in other feathers of gospel work. No one branch when separated from others can be a perfect whole ...When the third’s angel’s message is received in its fullness, health reform will be given its place in the councils of the conference, in the work of the church, in the home, at the table, and in all the household arrangements. Then the right arm will serve and protect the body.

But while the health work has its place in the promulgation of the third angel's message, its advocates must not in any way strive to make it take the place of the message. <sup>1</sup>

“Repent, repent, was the message rung out by John the Baptist in the wilderness. Christ’s message to the people was “Except ye repent, you shall all likewise perish.” <sup>2</sup> Luke 13:5. And the apostles were commanded to preach everywhere that men should repent.” <sup>3</sup>

From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,  
**Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**  
Matthew 4:17

Today we are to present the same “**present truth**” message that Jesus, and John the Baptist preached, using all the methods available to us.

Ellen White mentioned in 1915, {the very year she died–emphasis provided} that men are needed who

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<sup>1</sup> Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6, p. 327.

<sup>2</sup> Luke 13:5

<sup>3</sup> Evangelism, p. 179.

can use the press, {today social media-emphasis provided} to the best possible advantage, that the truth may be “given wings,” to speed it to every nation, tongue, and people.<sup>4</sup>

Wings denote speed, and the urgency of getting the ‘everlasting gospel,’ in the contest of the **“third Angel’s message,** {come out of Babylon my people}<sup>5</sup> to all the world, before Christ returns!

“The Lord desires his servants today to preach the old gospel doctrine, sorrow for sin, repentance, and confession. We want old-fashioned sermons, old-fashioned customs, {not to be confused with traditions of men, cold-lifeless messages-emphasis provided} old-fashioned mothers and fathers in Israel, {Spiritual Israel of course-emphasis}.”<sup>6</sup>

What does this mean for us?

*Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season*

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<sup>4</sup> Gospel Workers, p. 25, 1915.

<sup>5</sup> Rev. 14:9, 10; 18:1-5

<sup>6</sup> Ibid. p. 180.

There are many sincere brothers, and sisters worshipping among us who are in extreme danger because they do not fully understand what the scriptures reveal doctrinally regarding Satan’s last-day deceptions in the light of “present truth!” <sup>7</sup>

If we do not know what the scriptures teach regarding our mission and commission we certainly can’t share the message with others.

### Words from God’s inspired servant

“... I saw that the saints must get a thorough understanding of ‘present truth,’ which they will be obliged to maintain from the Scriptures. They must understand the state of the dead; for the spirits of devils will yet appear to them, professing to be beloved friends and relatives, who will declare to them the Sabbath has been changed, also other unscriptural doctrines. They will do all in their power to excite symphony and will work miracles before them to confirm what they declare. The people of God must be prepared to withstand these spirits with the Bible truth... Our minds must not be taken up with

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<sup>7</sup> See II Cor. 11:11-13; Rev. 13:2, 13-15; 16:13, 14

things around us, but must be occupied with the “**present truth,**” and a preparation to give a reason of our hope with meekness and fear.”

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” II Timothy 2:15

