

## SPEAKING THE TRUTH

There is no greater expression of the value you place on Christ's sacrificial death and the people he died for than

Speaking the Truth in Love.

WALK WORTHY!

Ephesians 4:1

## TRUTH AND AUTHORITY

Ephesians 4:7

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Systems of authority are a gift from God that serve as a "Channel of Blessing" through which words of truth flow.

### I. Systems of AUTHORITY

- A. A CREATION of God  
Giving us Protection and Direction
- B. An EXPRESSION of God  
Describing who He is.
- C. A TOOL of God  
Distributing Grace.

### II. A Gift of GRACE

- A. Grace: 2:4-9  
What God does that's FOR us.
- B. Wrath: 2:3  
What God does that's AGAINST us.

### III. Given to US

- A. A SUBSTANCE: Something given to followers of Christ  
Romans 12 | Corinthians 12
- B. A PERSON; Followers of Christ given to the Church.

### IV. Creating MATURITY

Distributing Grace through  
WORDS OF TRUTH.

## REVIEW AND PREVIEW

### WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

*The Power of Words in the Kingdom of God.*

#### SERIES STATEMENT:

There is no more powerful tool to create change in this world and in your life than words.

#### SERIES QUESTION:

**HOW** can the words from my mouth and the words in my head be **SHAPED** and used for God's redemptive purposes?

Psalm 19:14 Paraphrased

#### Part I

#### Why Our Words Have Such Power

Genesis 1-3

#### Part II

#### Taking Control of Our Words

James and Ephesians

#### I. Learning to Listen

#### II. Learning to Speak

- A. Speaking for the King June 17
- B. Speaking the Truth  
Truth and Tolerance June 24  
Truth and Unity July 1
- Truth and Authority July 8**
- C. Choosing your Words July 15

#### III. Learning to Watch