

take them to the village if they waited a few centuries. But it was no help in taking them to the place they needed to go that day.

The reason that we can receive salvation by faith is because Jesus Christ is the Truth. It is because He was willing to give Himself on the cross to bear our sins that we can be saved through Him. It is only through the grace of God that man's faith can accomplish anything at all. Faith that is not grounded in truth is worthless.

If a man was led to believe that the bottle of colored water from which he had just drunk contained poison, he might die of the shock. Generally, however, he would recover. A man who believed that the colored water he had drunk was actually a potent remedy for his affliction, might in some cases be cured, but such cures would be rare. Poison drunk in the belief that it is good food may kill a man just as completely as if he had thought it was poison.

When I was a student in seminary one of our professors gave a chapel talk on the words in Ephesians 4:15, "speaking the truth in love." It seemed to be the purport of his talk that it doesn't matter whether we speak the truth or not; the vital point is that we must speak in love. This is certainly an utter perversion of the verse. It is important that we speak in love. God wants us to show a loving spirit, and our words will be far more effective if they are spoken in love than if they are spoken in any other way. Yet one can speak a lie in love and do tremendous harm. Many a person has suffered grievous injury through the well-intentioned acts of ignorant people. A few years ago the great violinist, Fritz Kreisler, was hit by an automobile in New York and lay on the ground in pain. Passersby picked him up and moved him over to a more comfortable place. When the ambulance arrived they found that very serious harm had been done to him by the fact that well-intentioned people had moved him without proper knowledge of how to lift a wounded man without causing injury. The right attitude is important, but truth always comes first.