



Anchored in Christ

## ST. PAUL'S BIBLE STUDY

*Ecclesiastes*  
9:17-18

### ***Pastor's Notes***

V. 17 Truth cannot be assessed and determined by the volume and page views that it receives. The winner of a shouting contest is not necessarily the one who speaks truth, he is just louder and perhaps a big bully. Truth cannot be determined and is not dependent upon the initials behind a person's name. Furthermore, truth is not determined by the number of people that support it. Truth does not depend upon a popularity contest. Lastly, truth does not sway or lean the way in which cultural trends tend to go.

Beware of the masses. Don't be too quick to jump on the bandwagon. Fools are swept along by smooth talk. Fools tend to go with the large crowd. Large crowds yelling really really loud in unison do not create truth. Blog posts, articles, memes, talking points, and endorsements do not create truth. Generally speaking, it is the minority that typically embraces truth at the scorn of the masses. In other words, truth is independent. Truth is incorruptible. Truth is a person, Jesus Christ. Truth cannot be torn down as hard as people may try. Truth cannot be muzzled. It can't be redefined. People may try, but they will never prevail. None of this should surprise us, for the world apart from the gospel is in darkness. Darkness cannot comprehend the light.

V. 18 As we learned before, wisdom overcame warfare. Wisdom has a way of undo-

ing the works of evil. However, there is another side to the coin. One sinner can spoil the efforts of thousands who long for peace. Consider the world stage, summits on peace will be held with world leaders. Weeks of talk, dozens upon dozens of handshakes, smiles, and compromises can be undone by one sinner who stomps out of a meeting.

Considering all of this, we must understand that the church is the church militant. Like Abel who was killed by Cain, the church is always persecuted by the spirit of Cain. The church flows in the blood of Abel. This is why the church, as the bride of Christ, needs Jesus.