

“Suppressing The Truth”

Lesson Text: Acts 4:13-17.

I. The World Tries To Suppress Information It Deems Undesirable.

- **Suppress:** “To subdue, put down by force, to withhold, to hold back, to prevent the publication or revelation of, to check the flow of, stop.”
- **Political Suppression, Religious Suppression, Or Evidence Suppression.**

II. Wicked Men Suppress Truth Against Themselves.

- **Romans 1:18.**

– **κατέχω:** to prevent someone from doing something by restraining or hindering—‘to prevent, to hinder, to restrain, to keep from.’ ἀνθρώπων τῶν τὴν ἀλήθειαν ἐν ἀδικίᾳ κατεχόντων ‘the people whose evil ways keep the truth from being known’ Romans 1:18. (Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). In *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 164).

III. Christians Can Also Suppress The Truth In Various Ways.

- **By Doubting The Power Of The Gospel.**
 - Romans. 1:16; 1 Timothy 2:8; James 1:6-8.
- **By Refusing To Contend For The Truth.**
 - Jude 3; Philippians 1:17; 1 Peter 3:15.
- **By Being Ashamed Of The Truth.**
 - Romans 1:16; Mark 8:38; 2 Timothy 1:8-12.
- **By Living Inconsistent Lives.**
 - Romans 2:21-24; Titus 2:11-12; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.
- **By Neglecting Support For Gospel Preaching.**
 - Exodus 17:8-12; Galatians 6:6; Romans 16:3-4+.
- **By Turning From The Truth.**
 - 1 Timothy 1:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:9-10; 2 Peter 2:20-22.