

What is Truth?

The Word of God is Truth

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth; **Your word is truth.**

2 Samuel 7:28

Now, O Lord God, You are God, and **Your words are truth**, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant. (David)

Psalms 119:160

The sum of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

Psalms 119:142

Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And **Your law is truth.**

Psalms 119:151

You are near, O Lord,
And all **Your commandments are truth.**

Jesus, as the living Word, is also the Truth. He is the complete image, representation, and expression of Truth

John 14:6

Jesus *said to him, “**I am the way, and the truth, and the life**; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Ephesians 4:20-21

But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, **just as truth is in Jesus,**

John 1:17

For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.**

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

The Holy Spirit is also referred to as the Spirit of Truth, and He guides us into the Truth and testifies about the Truth

1 John 5:6

This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. **It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.**

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John 14:16-17

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 15:26

“When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the **Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, **He will testify about Me**,

John 16:13-15

But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, **He will guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

The Truth is in us if we know Christ and have His Spirit

2 John 1:1-2

The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, **for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever**:

John 18:36

Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. **For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.**

The Gospel is called the message and word of truth. It is the most important message from God to man regarding His Son.

Ephesians 1:13-14

In Him, you also, after listening to **the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation**—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God’s own possession, to the praise of His glory.

Colossians 1:5-6

because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, **of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel which has come to you**, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;

James 1:18

In the exercise of His will **He brought us forth by the word of truth**, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

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Men become saved if they believe in the truth and come to the knowledge of the truth of the Gospel regarding Christ.

2 Thes 2:13-14

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Tim 2:3-6

This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, **the testimony given at the proper time.**

2 Tim 2:24-26

The Lord's bond- servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them **repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth**, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will.

Titus 1:1-2

Paul, a bond- servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the faith of those chosen of God and **the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness**, in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,

The Truth of God is being suppressed by the unrighteous who reject Christ. They exchange God's truth for lies, believe what is false, and take pleasure in wickedness instead.

Romans 1:18-25

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of **men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. ...they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures....For **they exchanged the truth of God for a lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

2 Thes 2:10-12

and with all the **deception of wickedness** for those who perish, because **they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved**. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that **they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.**

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Even among the church, people will turn away from the truth and be deceived

2 Tim 4:2-4

preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and **will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.**

Titus 1:13-14

For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of **men who turn away from the truth.**

2 Peter 2:1-2

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. **Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;** and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

James 5:19-20

My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Church must hold fast to, support, and accurately handle the word of truth. We are to speak the Truth to one another and the world, but we are to speak it in Love. Speaking the Truth in Love sometimes means correcting error and offending the flesh of the one you are speaking to. Truth and Love must go together (1 Cor 13:6) and are not mutually exclusive.

1 Tim 3:15

but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is **the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.**

2 Tim 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth.**

Ephesians 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.**

Ephesians 4:15

As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love