

## What Is Truth?

In the definition of “**truth**” some of the characteristics we will find are, veracity, purity from falsehood, correct opinion, fidelity, constancy, honesty, virtue, exactness, conformity to rule, sincerity. The world we live in is so full of half-truths {a full lie}, innuendos, distorted facts {still another lie}, etc., etc.; people just do not know what to believe or who to believe. Governments, politicians, and even leaders in religion have told so many untruths {lies} for so long with eloquent style that what they said is often accepted as fact, as truth, when it is not. “**Truth**” can only be defined by one standard, a standard that in and of itself is flawless. On a human level, such a standard does not exist because, if it did, it would have been created by man and man is far from being perfect. Why? “And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” {Genesis 6:5}

During the trial of Jesus Christ, Pilate asked the question, “What is truth?” {John 18:38} To answer such a question, we **must** have a reliable standard to go by if we are to know what “**truth**” is and, this we do have in God’s Word, the Bible. The Bible, Scripture, is given by God. “**All scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.” {2 Timothy 3:16} “Inspiration” literally means divinely breathed and this was done by God the Holy Spirit. “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but **holy men of God** spake as they were **moved by the Holy Ghost**.” {2 Peter 1:21} This means that we have a perfect Bible in which there is no error [even if people do not understand or believe it]; it is **THE** standard to go by for determining what “**truth**” is. “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word [*the Word of God*] is truth.” {John 17:7}

The heart of the natural man is wicked in nature because he is born that way; it was inherited from Adam in the Garden of Eden because of his disobedience to God in Genesis 2:17; 3:6 and as recorded in Romans 5:12. Romans 1:18-32 gives us a glimpse of what the human race is really like and nothing like that can possibly be “**truth**.” On the other hand, we have a God who is “**truth**” as we read, “Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect [*without blemish, undefiled*]: for all his ways are judgment: a God of **truth** and without iniquity [*perverseness, unrighteousness, wickedness*], just and right is he.” {Deuteronomy 32:3-4} A few Bible verses tell us that God Himself and His Word are “**truth**.”

“Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of **truth**.” {Psalm 31:5}

“For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his **truth** endureth to all generations.” {Psalm 100:5}

“Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the **truth**.” {Psalm 119:142}

“Thou art near, O LORD; and all thy commandments are **truth**.” {Psalm 119:151}

“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **truth** came by Jesus Christ.” {John 1:17}

“And ye shall know the **truth**, and the **truth** shall make you free.” {John 8:32}

“This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is **truth**.” {1 John 5:6}

“But as God is **true**,” 2 Corinthians 1:18

“For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and **true** God;” {1 Thessalonians 1:9}

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is **true**, and we are in him that is **true**, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the **true** God, and eternal life.” {1 John 5:20}

“Jesus saith unto him, I am **the way, the truth, and the life** [*emphasis added*]: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me [*that means not by any other person living or deceased*].” {John 14:6}

The “**truth**” of the matter is, no person will go to Heaven unless he repents of sin and by faith alone in Jesus Christ, receives Him as personal Saviour. He paid the sin debt when He shed His blood and died on the Cross of Calvary. “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man [Jesus Christ], after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;” {Hebrews 10:11-12}

My friend, God has never forced a person to be saved; He has never saved a person against his will. However, He does invite every lost person {unsaved} to repent and come to Him for forgiveness and salvation. “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” {Romans 10:13} He waits for you while there is still time. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” {2 Peter 3:9} This is all **true**; it is **truth** as found in God’s Word, the Bible. My, friend, how will you respond?

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