

THE TRUTH: WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH JESUS?



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WHAT IS TRUTH?

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Pilate verbalized part of the truth, and replied, “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.”

EXAMPLES OF ERRANT BELIEFS

1) Ptolemy: The earth is the center of the universe and everything revolves around it.

2) The earth is flat (some people still believe this today)

3) The moon landings were hoaxes, and aliens placed our moon in its orbit around the earth.

EXAMPLES OF ERRANT BELIEFS

4) There are more than two sexes, maybe as many as 100.

5) Law of attraction

6) Climate change is manmade and if we all drive electrical vehicles and put up wind turbines and solar panels we can fix it.

7) Eggs and butter are harmful for you.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

Charles Spurgeon said “If you want truth to go round the world, you must hire an express train to pull it; but if you want a lie to go round the world, it will fly; it is as light as a feather, and a breath will carry it. It is well said in the old proverb, ‘a lie will go round the world while truth is pulling its boots on.’”

WHAT IS TRUTH?

What kind of lies are there? Lies of commission, lies of omission, and lies of selectivity, aka “half-truths,” and all of these are used as propaganda to spread, deceive and hypnotize the masses, repeatedly.

I. The Truth About God

II. The Truth About The Natural Man or Woman (The Lost)

III. The Truth About The Godly Man or Woman (The Saved)

IV. The Necessity of Securing Eternal Life.

V. What's the Truth Today?

I. THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

A. God Is - He Exists and Created All Things

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. John 1:3 All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. Col. 1:16 For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities all things were created through Him for Him.

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B. God Is Infinite

Col. 1:17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. Psalm 147:5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

C. God Never Changes! Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not... Heb. 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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D. God Is Self-Sufficient John 5:26

For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son also to have life in Himself. Eph. 3:16 I pray that from His glorious, unlimited resources He will empower you with inner strength through His Spirit.

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E. God Is Omnipotent (All Powerful)

Psalm 33:6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, their starry host by the breath of His mouth



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F. God Is Omniscient (All Knowing)

Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. I made known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

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G. God Is Omnipresent (Present Everywhere)

Psalm 139:7-10 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

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H. God Is Love

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

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I. God Is Holy and Righteous

Isaiah 6:3 ...Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory!

1 Peter 1:16 ...for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Rev. 4:8 ...”Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

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J. God Is Wise

Rom. 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

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K. God Is Faithful

Deut. 7:9 Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps His covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes His unfailing love on those who love Him and obey His commands. 2 Tim. 2:13 ...if we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.

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L. God Is Good

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him. Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever.

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M. God Is Powerful and Mighty

1 Chron. 29:11-12 Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, LORD!

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N. God is Glorious.

Habakkuk 3:4 His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from His hand, where His power was hidden.



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O. God is Merciful.

Rom. 9:15 “...I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”



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P. God is Gracious and Compassionate

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.



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Q. God is Just

Deut. 32:4 He is the Rock, His works are perfect, and all His ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He. Isaiah 30:18 ...For the LORD is a God of justice. Isaiah 61:8 For I, the LORD love justice. Rom. 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.

II. THE NATURAL MAN OR WOMAN

A. Men and women are born into sin and have a sinful nature

1. Romans 5:12-13 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.

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2. Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.



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3. Genesis 3:1-6 (The story of the serpent deceiving Eve and Adam in the garden of Eden) (notice how Eve, in her response, “though shalt not touch it” was a lie - God didn’t instruct that)

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4. 1 John 2:16 For everything in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - comes not from the Father but from the world.

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5. Romans 3:10-12 ... There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.

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6. Isaiah 64:6 All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags:

7. Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all.

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8. Mark 7:21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries.

9. Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all else, and is desperately wicked: who can know it?

10. Ecclesiastes 7:20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and never sins.

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11. Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

12. Judges 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

II. THE NATURAL MAN OR WOMAN

B. They Are Deceived

C. They Are Perishing

D. They Refuse To Love The Truth, Even Denying It

E. They Delight In Wickedness

F. They Are Deluded

G. They Believe The Lie

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H. They Are Condemned

Let us look at 2 Thes. 2:9-12 The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with how Satan works. He will use all sorts of displays of power through signs and wonders that serve the lie, and all

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the ways that wickedness deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

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I. They Are Fools (While Claiming To Be Wise)

J. They Have Depraved Minds

K. They Are Evil

L. They Are Greedy

M. They Are Envious

N. They Produce Strife And Division

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O. They Are Deceitful And Malicious

P. They Are Gossips And Slanderers

Q. They Hate God

R. They Are Insolent, Arrogant, And
Boastful

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S. They Invent Ways of Doing Evil

T. They Disobey Their Parents

U. They Lack Love, Have No Fidelity, And Have No Mercy

Romans 1:18-32

V. They Are Slaves to Sin

Romans 6:17-23

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That great theologian, Bob Dylan, even understood this. In his song, *'You Gotta Serve Somebody,'* Dylan writes this, "...it may be the devil or it may be the Lord, But you're gonna have to serve somebody."

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True indeed. And if we choose not to serve the Lord, then we are serving the devil, even if we're only pleasing our own flesh. That serving of self and only self without regard for God or for others is exactly what Satan wants us to do, everyone only looking inward with focus always on self.

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W. They Are Blinded 2 Cor. 4:4 “The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

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All of these characteristics are sin. So what is sin? Simply defined, SIN IS THE FALLING SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD. In Hebrew, the word is KHATA, which means to fail or miss the goal. To sin means to transgress or break the law of God. What is the Law of God?

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THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

a. You shall have no other gods before Me

b. You shall not make idols

c. You shall not take the name of the LORD
your God in vain

d. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy

e. Honor your father and mother

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

f. You shall not murder

g. You shall not commit adultery

h. You shall not steal

i. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

j. You shall not covet



II. THE NATURAL MAN OR WOMAN

X. Did you know that God hates?

He hates sin!

1. Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates, seven are an abomination to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed

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innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush to evil, a false witness who pours out lies, and he that sows discord among brethren.

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2. Proverbs 11:1 A false balance is abomination to the LORD; but a just weight is His delight.

(honesty)

3. Malachi 2:16 For I hate divorce, says the LORD God of Israel...

4. Psalm 5:5 The boastful cannot stand in Your presence; You hate all workers of iniquity.

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5. Psalm 11:5 The LORD examines the righteous, but the wicked, those who love violence, He hates with a passion.

6. Proverbs 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

III. THE GODLY MAN OR WOMAN

Galatians 5:22-23 says, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law.”

III. THE GODLY MAN OR WOMAN

A. They will be loving and will walk in love.

1 Cor. 13:4-6, 1 John 4:7-11

1. Patient

2. Kind

3. Un-envious

4. Un-boastful (humble)

5. Honoring

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6. Selfless

7. Slow to anger

8. Keep no records of wrongs (forgiving)

9. Does not delight in evil but rejoice with the truth.

10. Love protects, trusts, hopes, and perseveres

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B. They will imitate God. Eph. 5:1

C. They will obey the Lord. John 14:15

D. They will NOT conform to the world's standards. Rom. 12:2

E. They will exercise power over the enemy.

F. They will bear good fruit.

Matt. 7:18-20, Gal. 5:22-23

III. THE GODLY MAN OR WOMAN

G. They will glorify Jesus Christ. Col. 3:23-25,
1 Cor. 10:31

H. They will have a spirit of gratitude.
Eph. 5:20

I. They will not be anxious. Phil. 4:6

J. They will be prayerful.

IV. SECURING ETERNAL LIFE

God is Love, but he is
also Just



V. WHAT'S THE TRUTH TODAY?

Genesis 6:5 says, “The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.”



V. WHAT'S THE TRUTH TODAY?

“I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.”

(Matthew 7:23) or “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

(Matthew 24:41)

V. WHAT'S THE TRUTH TODAY?

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things: enter now into the joy of your master.”

(Matthew 25:21)



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