

# Truths That Polarize & Galvanize

John 8:37-47

## Introduction

“Polarize” ‘to separate, differentiate, or cause to divide’

“Galvanize” ‘to shock or excite (someone) into taking action’

**The truths that Jesus speaks pierce the hearts and expose the true identity of those listening to Him.**

Luke 2:34-35

John 8:21-24

**The Word of God pierces the heart of man with its polarizing and galvanizing effect.**

1 Chronicles 29:17

Romans 2:29

Matthew 23:27-28

**Five assumptions that *galvanize* false security and the *polarizing truths* that shatter them:**

**1. True Christianity is not validated by religious heritage, but by how one *responds to the Word of God.***

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Philippians 3:3-9

**“*my word finds no place in you*”**

2 Corinthians 2:14-17

**2. True Christianity is not validated by religious practices, but by *faith manifested in obedience.***

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John 8:56

Galatians 3:5-9

James 2:21-24

**3. True Christianity is not validated by outward confidence in yourself, but in an inward *love for Jesus*.**

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***“We were not born of sexual immorality”***

John 9:39-41

***“you would love me”***

1 Corinthians 16:22

John 14:21-24a

**4. True Christianity is not validated by traditions and interpretations of men, but by *hearing from God*.**

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1 Corinthians 2:14

**v44 True Christianity is not validated by subjecting yourself to hearing the Word, but *by submitting to it*.**

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1 Peter 2:22

2 Corinthians 5:21

Hebrews 4:15

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