## THE GOSPEL OF JOHN JESUS IS THE TRUTH! JOHN 14:4-6

#### **Introduction**

When Jesus says here "I AM the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, we said that Jesus is "THE GREAT I AM!" AMEN?!

Last week our focus was on how JESUS IS THE WAY... Salvation Has Always Been And Will Always Will Be By The Blood! The Blood Of Jesus Christ! Salvation Has Always Been And Will Always Be Through A Person! The Lord Jesus Christ! Salvation Is Always By Grace Through Faith!

# Today our focus is on how JESUS IS THE TRUTH! JESUS ALWAYS HAS BEEN THE TRUTH...HE IS STILL THE TRUTH TODAY...AND HE WILL ALWAYS WILL BE THE TRUTH!

# I. WHEN THE JESUS SAYS THAT HE IS *"THE TRUTH"*, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WHAT IS *"TRUTH?"*

A little later on from this statement, we will see **JESUS** is sent to stand trial before **PONTIUS PILATE** according to *John 18*. Let's turn there and look at *verses 33-38*.

I believe that **PILATE** thought, like many in our world today, **that TRUTH IS** <u>*RELATIVE*</u>...but, it is not! Let me explain...

We live in a world where "MORAL RELATIVISM" is the prevailing philosophy today! "MORAL RELATIVISM" teaches there is NO ABSOLUTE TRUTH, and that ALL PHILOSOPHIES, ALL RELIGIONS, and ALL OPINIONS, are EQUALLY VALID, with no way to distinguish one as being MORALLY SUPERIOR to others.

It's also known by the name *"tolerance"*. It's the philosophy that is being taught in our schools and in the media that **there is NOTHING that is TRUE EVERYWHERE**, and that EVERYTHING is TRUE SOMEWHERE.

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# Many people **BELIEVE that there is NO BASIS FOR TRUTH** and that **WHAT IS TRUTH FOR YOU MAY NOT NECESSARILY BE TRUTH FOR THEM!**

# But that is NOT THE WAY TRUTH WORKS! MORAL RELATIVISM defies the LAWS OF LOGIC!

Can something be "A" and "Not A" at the same time? Of course not! That doesn't even make good sense!

You may not think that this is important, but consider the following from an article I found from May 19, 2020. (That's less than 2 years)

https://www.arizonachristian.edu/2020/05/19/a-nation-unmoored-crcstudy-shows-americans-reject-moral-truth-rooted-in-gods-word/

#### So, is there such a thing as TRUTH?

When we are on the **right side** of the law, we want **TRUTH** to prevail in the courtroom, don't we?

When we are on the operating table, we want the doctor to be cutting on us according to the **TRUTH** of our condition, don't we?

When we are traveling down the highway minding the traffic laws we want the police officers to treat us according to the **TRUTH!** 

When an architect, engineer and/or construction workers are building bridges, buildings, or whatever else, we want them to build those things according to the **TRUTHS** they learned of what it takes for those structures to be stable!

# So, why is it that most **EVERYONE looks for the TRUTH in most** every area EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO MORAL TRUTHS?

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Well, it boils down to this: People don't want there to be **ABSOLUTE MORAL TRUTHS** because it would mean that they are **RESPONSIBLE** to seek out that **TRUTH** because there would eventually be some **ACCOUNTABILITY** to a **GOD** somewhere and they don't want that!

# But guess what, FAILURE TO BELIEVE IN AN ABSOLUTE MORAL TRUTH DOES <u>NOT</u> DO AWAY WITH THAT ABSOLUTE MORAL TRUTH, but rather it puts you in the precarious position of being DISOBEDIENT WHEN ACCOUNTABILITY DOES COME...AND IT WILL COME!

If I say, well I don't believe in the LAW OF GRAVITY and so it does not apply to me and I jump off the top of a 30 story building what does it mean? IT MEANS THAT I WILL GO SPLAT!

If I say, well I don't believe in the LAWS OF AERODYNAMICS so they don't apply to me and when I jump off the 30 story building flapping my arms to fly like a bird, what does it mean? IT STILL MEANS THAT I WILL GO SPLAT!

# THE SAME GOD WHO INSTITUTED AND GOVERNS THE LAWS OF GRAVITY AND AERODYNAMICS ALSO INSTITUTED AND GOVERNS THE <u>MORAL</u> LAWS!

**So, WHAT IS TRUTH?** I want share with you the definition of **TRUTH** according to *Webster's American Dictionary Of The English Language*, and then compare the definitions we see to the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** so that we can know exactly what **JESUS** meant when **HE** said *"I AM...THE TRUTH"* 

#### So here we go with the definitions of TRUTH: Truth Is: Conformity to fact or reality; exact accordance with that which is, or has been, or shall be.

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John 1:14–"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and **truth.**"

John 1:17 – "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and **truth** came by Jesus Christ."

John 5:32 - 33–"There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is **true**. 33Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the **truth**."

John 8:40–"But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the *truth*, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham."

John 17:17–"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Everything said about **JEHOVAH GOD** in the **OLD TESTAMENT** is also said about **JESUS CHRIST** in the **NEW TESTAMENT**!

- 1. Stone Of Stumbling (Isaiah 8:13-15; 1 Peter 2:6-8)
- 2. Creator (Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16)
- 3. Only Savior (Isaiah 43:11; 2 Timothy 1:10)
- 4. King of Kings (*Psalm 95:3; 1 Timothy 6:14-15*)
- 5. Alpha and Omega (Isaiah 44:6; Revelation 1:7-18)
- 6. Good Shepherd (Isaiah 40:10-11; John 10:11)
- 7. Every knee bow (Isaiah 45:23; Philippians 2:10-11)
- 8. Judge (Isaiah 24:20-21; Colossians 1:17)
- 9. Reigning (Isaiah 24:23; Matthew 25:31)

# Truth Is: True state of facts or things.

(e.g. In the Courtroom, witnesses are sworn in *"To tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."*)

# JESUS CHRIST IS EXACTLY WHO THE BIBLE SHOWS HIM TO BE!

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Truth Is: Veracity; purity from falsehood; practice of speaking truth; habitual disposal to speak truth; as when we say, a man is a man of truth. Veracity is the habitual observance of TRUTH, or habitual TRUTH;

invariable expression of **TRUTH!** 

Truth Is: Correct opinion. *Matthew* 16:13-18.

# Truth Is: Fidelity; constancy.

*Fidelity* means faithfulness. *Constancy* means fixedness or unchanging! (*Revelation 3:14 & 19:11 - "Faithful and True"*)

#### Truth Is: Honesty, virtue.

Every thing the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** ever spoke was honest! **HIS** life is the most virtuous life that ever has been!

Truth Is: *Exactness; conformity to rule.* The LORD JESUS CHRIST'S life lined up fully with the LAW OF GOD!

**Truth Is:** *Real fact or just principle; real state of things.* Everything the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** said about **HIMSELF** was the real deal!

Truth Is: Sincerity. (e.g. John 4:24 i.e. not a put on or a show!)

# **Conclusion**

JESUS IS THE WAY! Salvation Is Always By The Blood, Always Through A Person; Always By Grace Through Faith! JESUS IS THE TRUTH! He Is The Truth Of God's Word Revealed In The Flesh! When He Speaks, He Speaks The Truth! Nothing About Jesus Christ Will Ever Change!