

THE WORD OF GOD IS THE TRUTH OF GOD

I. THE CHURCH IS TO FOCUS ON SPIRITUAL TRUTH

Hope Bible Church is a Bible church that teaches God's word, God's truth.
Proverbs 2:1-5, Luke 8:11

II. JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUTH - John 1:1

Everything about Jesus, His life, purpose, words and future, is the truth.
Jesus was and is the truth all the time. Everything Jesus said and did related to the truth of God, and the truth about God. You can't separate Jesus from truth, for Jesus is truth. John 14:6; John 1:17; John 6:26; John 14:9; John 21:25

III. PEOPLE ARE DESIGNED TO LIVE BY THE TRUTH OF GOD - Matthew 4:4

IV. THE BIBLE IS THE TRUTH, THE WORD OF GOD - Psalm 19:7-11

A. The Bible is the only book that is the word of God. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

B. God's word is the truth. It's a set of spiritual laws and principles, a set of beliefs, a set of truths God wants you to know and believe.

C. God's word is sufficient. All the spiritual truth God wants you to have is found in the Bible, in the word of God.

D. God's word is right, correct and pure. There are no mistakes, errors or contradictions in the Bible. Psalm 19:8

E. The truth in God's word is authoritative in that it has authority over your life. If you believe it and follow it you will be blessed, and if not, then you will have problems, spiritually so, and in other aspects of your life. Psalm 107:10-11

F. God's truth is eternal. The truth goes on forever. Psalm 119:89, Isaiah 40:8

G. God's truth is absolute, it is not relative, it is not progressive, and it does not change. The culture may change, but truth does not change. Matthew 24:35

H. God's truth is supreme, and therefore is important and valuable. It is always right, always eternal, and always sufficient. Psalm 119:72, Psalm 29, Luke 4:41

I. God's truth is personal, it's what a person can believe and apply to his life, and is what can meet the needs in your life. Deuteronomy 30:11, Psalm 119

V. YOU ARE TO LIVE BY THE TRUTH OF GOD - John 17:17

A. The means by which you are saved and spiritually grow is God's truth.

B. If you don't have God's truth in your life, then you will be lacking faith, hope, love, joy and you will get discouraged. If you don't have truth, then you will be in error, and will be harmed. If churches don't have truth, then they will be in error, and will be damaged and destroyed.

C. The truth of God isn't optional. You need truth to spiritually grow up, to have good relationships, to raise children, to be useful to God, and to make disciples.

VI. THE PRINCIPLE ENEMY OF THE TRUTH IS THE DEVIL

A. The devil and his demons are the primary promoters of lies and false teaching. They work through people, preachers, and false religions. False teaching is the devil's main tool to stop the truth of God, and to stop His work. John 8:39-47, 1 Timothy 3:1-2, Matthew 23

B. Throughout history we have seen false teaching in every language and culture. The devil's lies are primarily focused on the principle truths about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, man, salvation, the church and Christ's 2nd coming.

C. We live in a culture where truth is not popular, where people question absolutes, where people say things are relative. We live at a time where we're expected to tolerate everything and everyone. Yes, we should be tolerant in that we are patient, forgiving and forbearing, but we are not to tolerate error and evil. Jude 3

VII. THE CHURCH IS THE PILLAR & SUPPORT OF THE TRUTH - 2 Timothy 3:15

A. The church must be strong in the truth of God's word. The church must fight against error, stand against error and correct error. Titus 1:9, John 7:7

B. Believers need to know the truth, believe the truth, be convinced of the truth, and apply it to their lives and families. We are not to redefine the truth to fit our thinking. We are not to ignore or discard difficult truths. We are to be good students of the entire word of God. Ezra 7:10, 2 Timothy 2:15, Proverbs 4:1-11

IF YOU SEEK HER AS SILVER
AND SEARCH FOR HER AS FOR HIDDEN TREASURE,
THEN YOU WILL DISCERN THE FEAR OF THE LORD,
AND DISCOVER THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

Proverbs 2:4-5