

# Absolute Truth: All Scripture is God-Breathed

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## John 18:37

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

What is Truth?

### 1. **JESUS IS TRUTH**

#### John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

#### John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

### 2. **WE ARE SANCTIFIED (MADE HOLY) BY THE TRUTH**

#### John 17:17

[Jesus said] Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

### 3. **TRUTH IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH SALVATION**

#### 2 Tim 3:14-15

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

#### 1 Tim 2:3-4

God our Savior, ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

#### John 8:32

[Jesus said] "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

#### 2 Thess 2:13

... from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

### 4. **GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH**

#### 2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### 5. **THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TRUTH**

#### John 14:15-17

16 “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever- 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”

John 16:13

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

## 6. JESUS SAYS THAT TRUTH HAS OPPOSITION

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“... Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

John 8:44-45

44 “You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!”

1 John 4:4-6

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. 5 They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

### CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW:

- Truth is Absolute
- Truth is Discovered
- Truth is Objective
- Everyone has a Right to their Opinion
- Belief does Not Determine Truth
- I Believe it because it's True
- Tolerance - Agree to Disagree

Truth

### SECULAR WORLDVIEW:

- Truth is Relative
- Truth is Created
- Truth is Subjective
- Every Opinion is Right
- Truth is Personal Belief
- It's True because I Believe it
- Tolerance - Agree that All Claims to

must be Accepted as Equal and Valid

How does sin make us respond to truth?

- WE TURN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH...

2 Tim 4:3-5

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

- **WE SUPPRESS THE TRUTH...**

Rom 1:18

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against ... wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness,

- **WE DISTORT THE TRUTH...**

Acts 20:30

Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

- **WE REJECT THE TRUTH...**

Rom 2:8

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.

- **WE EXCHANGE THE TRUTH FOR A LIE**

Rom 1:25

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator