

“Truth Is Not Relative, It Is Absolute”

John 18:33-38; Romans 1:18; 1:25; 1:32; 2:8

- Facts about truth: We have been called to exalt the truth!
 - The truth is suppressed by sin (Romans 1:18); Truth can be exchanged for a lie (Romans 1:25); The rejection of truth leads to death (Romans 1:32 & 6:23); Disobeying the truth leads to eternal wrath and fury (Romans 2:8).
 - If you truly know God you will listen to truth (1 John 4:6; John 8:46-47); The truth is to be handled correctly (2 Timothy 2:15); We are supposed to speak the truth (Ephesians 4:25); We are to speak the truth in love, which leads to spiritual growth (Ephesians 4:15-16); People are saved by the truth (2 Timothy 2:25; Romans 10:17); The church is supposed to promote and protect the truth (1 Timothy 3:15). The truth sets us free from sin (John 8:31-32).
 - God is Truth and His Word is truth and it endures forever (Psalm 119:160; John 14:6); We are led by the truth (Psalm 25:5; 119:105); We are sanctified by the truth (John 17:17); The truth tells us how to worship God (John 4:24)!
- Facts about lies:
 - *Truth is not* simply whatever works. In reality, lies can appear to “work,” but they are still lies and not the truth. *Truth is not* uniformity. Just because people’s stories or experiences line up does not make it true. *Truth is not* what makes people feel good. Bad news can be true. *Truth is not* what the majority says is true. The majority can absolutely believe a lie. *Truth is not* defined by good intentions. *Truth is not* simply what is believed. A lie believed is still a lie.
 - Satan is the father of lies and hates the truth and desires to deceive the world (John 8:44; Genesis 3:1 & 4; Revelation 12:9); There are men and women who love lies and oppose the truth (2 Timothy 3:8); Those outside of Christ have no tolerance for the truth (2 Timothy 4:3-4).
- The non-negotiable realities about Scripture/Truth:
 - The Scriptures are *INSPIRED*: It is the very words of God. When you intellectually and emotionally believe this, you will treasure the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:15-16; Matthew 4:4; 2 Peter 1:20-21 & 3:15-16).
 - The Scriptures are *INERRANT*: There is no error or falsehood in the Scripture. It has always been true and always will be true. God doesn’t lie! (Titus 1:2-3; Hebrews 6:18; John 14:6; John 8:46-47).
 - The Scriptures are *AUTHORITATIVE*: God’s Word rules over our lives. Obedience to His Word is not optional for the Christian. The evidence of salvation is obedience to God’s Word (John 3:36; 1 John 2:17; Matthew 7:21; James 1:22; John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3).
 - The Scriptures are *CLEAR*: The Scriptures are able to be clearly understood in the matters of *SALVATION* and *CHRISTIAN LIVING*.
 - The Scriptures are *SUFFICIENT*: Whatever God is doing on the earth, it is through His Word. People are saved by His Word (Romans 10:17); People are transformed by His Word (John 17:17; 2 Corinthians 7:1; Philippians 2:12-13); People live the Christian life according to His Word (John 15:5-10); People are equipped for ministry by His Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
 - The Scriptures are *POWERFUL*: There is nothing more powerful than the Word of God accompanied by the power of the Holy Spirit. It empowers the Christian to have faith and to walk in God’s power (Jeremiah 23:29; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Hebrews 13:20-21).

Worship: Speak O Lord (The Gettys) God Omniscient, God All Knowing (Matt Boswell)
Holy,Holy,Holy (Sovereign Grace Music) **Closing Song:** How Great Thou Art (Various Artists)