

BELIEVE
"Bible Study"

INTRODUCTION:

1. *John 18:37; 38*
2. *John 17:17* (Chronologically prior to Pilates question)
3. THE WORD OF GOD IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT
4. *2 Corinthians 10:1-6*

I. THE ISSUE OF TRUTH

A. LOOKING IN THE WRONG PLACES

1. The world in which we live in is confused about truth.

a) **The Agnostic** - says that absolute knowledge on issues such as the existence of God cannot be attained in this life.

1) The term "*agnostic*" literally means "*without knowledge.*"

b) **The Rationalist** - says that human reason and experience are the ultimate criteria for determining truth.

c) **Fideism** (Fee-dey-is-um)

1) Says that truth is subjective and personal.

2) Truth is what we feel @ the moment to be true.

d) **Pragmatism** - says that truth is whatever works.

e) **Religion** - is man's attempt to reach up to God.

1) *Ephesians 2:8-9*

2) Good works can save no one, but they are obvious and increasing evidence of a person genuinely saved.

B. WHERE TO BEGIN

1. The problem with those who reject Christ and the Bible is simple: They don't want God in their life.

2. *John 5:39-40*

3. *2 Timothy 3:7*

II. THE HEART OF TRUTH

1. A definition of Truth: "*Actuality*" - "*fact*" - "*correctness*"

a) Truth is that which conforms to reality, the way things actually are.

2. The opposite of truth then is = "*falsehood*" or a lie.

A. TODAY'S CONFLICT

1. Truth of the World changes.

2. Morally speaking we need to beware of majority opinion.

3. *John 8:32*

a) "*the*" truth - (definite article) which means that there is such a thing that truth exists and that it is knowable.

B. NO REALITY APART FROM GOD

1. As a Christ Follower I can make an uncompromising definitive statement about truth because of the perfectly true nature of God.

2. *1 John 5:20*

3. *John 14:6*

III. THE SOURCE OF TRUTH

1. *John 17:17*

2. *John 8:32*

3. The worse thing that could ever happen to the human race would be that the human race would be cut off from the source of truth.

4. *Genesis 3:1*

A. GOD USED HUMAN AUTHORS

1. *2 Peter 1:21*

a) *"but men spoke from God"*

2. When you check out the cults you will find that their so-called scriptures were allegedly given to their founder in a secret mysterious manner that only the founder of the cult experienced.

3. But God's Word was written in the light with nothing to hide and no personal heresy to promote.

B. GOD PROTECTED HIS WORD

1. *2 Peter 1:20-21*

2. Even though God is the Bible's true Author, the Bible's human author's were "carried along" by the Holy Spirit.

3. *2 Peter 1:16*

4. *2 Peter 1:17-18*

IV. TRUTH WITHOUT ERROR

- We call this inerrancy - which means "without error."
- The inerrancy of Scripture means that the Bible is true no matter what the subject.

A. WE HAVE A PERFECT STANDARD

1. To deny the Bible's Truth on any level opens the Word up to the charge of errors everywhere.

2. *Matthew 4:1-11*

3. *2 Timothy 3:16*

a) *"inspiration"* - means God breathed. It is a picture of God moving man to write the Word exactly the way He wanted it.

B. THE TESTIMONY OF THE BIBLE

1. Psalm 119

2. There is no limit to what the Word can do when we allow it to take root in our hearts, because it is always right.