

TRUE TRUTH AND WHY IT MATTERS: PART ONE

WHY DOES TRUTH MATTER IN CHRISTIANITY?

The Christian religion makes many claims the core of which is that its Scriptures (Old & New Testament) and its author (The Holy Spirit through mankind) care about what is true as opposed to what is not. A simple definition of truth is: *truth is that which corresponds to reality*. Thus whatever your evangelistic method is believer, you must placard this basis in order to be faithful to Christ. To not do so is a waste of time considering the cultural climate of moral relativism. Truth matters in Christianity because without it, there's no Christianity. And if Christianity is not true, then we should all abandon it.

THE CENTRALITY OF TRUTH IN SCRIPTURE AT A GLANCE

(Psalm 119:160) *"The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting."*

NOTE: the entirety of God's word is true, not only certain portions. This does not mean that when someone in the Bible tells a lie that it is true, but it means that when a state of affairs like exists, there's an accurate true depiction of said action, event or discourse

(Psalm 145:18) *"The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth."*

NOTE: God is to be implored in truth, not deception nor with motives that are contrary to his eternal plans or purposes.

(John 1:1-5, 14, 17) "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. ⁵ The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it." ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth." ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."

NOTE: Christ is the self-existent word which created all things that exist, and thus life is only found in him, who is the light of the world and who took on human nature, he that is full of grace and truth.

(John 14:6) “Jesus said to him, “I am **the** way, and **the** truth, and **the** life; no one comes to **the** Father but through Me.”

NOTE: These claims of Christ in John’s gospel are part of the “I Am” sayings that point to his deity.

(John 15:26) “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from **the** Father, He will testify about Me,…”

NOTE: Because the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead, he like Jesus and the Father can only speak what is true and thus teach only what is true.

(John 17:17) “*Sanctify **them in the truth**; Your word is **truth**.*”

NOTE: To walk in holiness, to become more like Christ and thus to experience the liberty of the children of God no longer slaves to sin, Jesus prays for the truth of the word to penetrate the souls of broken individuals. For those in recovery groups dealing with addictions, if there’s anything you cannot afford to neglect is the word of God. I say this because too often it’s the word of God that is utterly neglected in these settings.

(John 18:37) “*Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into **the** world, to testify to **the** truth. Everyone who is of **the** truth hears My voice.*”

NOTE: Jesus before Pilate and the whole world is saying if you don’t listen to me (implication being “Obey me”) you are living a lie at the end of the day when it comes to ultimate issues. Why? The reason is because Jesus came to be God’s last word to humanity regarding its sin problem and consequent rescue from God’s wrath. Neglect Jesus’ word by heeding another “enlightened” voice and know your doom is sealed.

Truth matters in Christianity because the Scriptures attest to this fact.
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