

JESUS – THE TRUTH

Introduction

- 1) **John 14:6** – Jesus stated, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life”**
- 2) Jesus affirms that He is the one and only way, the absolute truth, and the only source of life
 - a) Each of these claims are worthy of our study and meditation – they are critical to our successfully “coming to the Father” (fellowship, salvation, eternal life)
- 3) This lesson will study Jesus as **THE TRUTH**

I) Various Answers Given to the Question “What is Truth?” (John 18:38)

- A) **Relativism** – truth only exists relative to one’s perspective, culture, or history
- B) **Pluralism** – all truths are accepted as equally valid
- C) **Agnosticism** – truth is unknown and probably unknowable
- D) **Superstition** – truth is often contrary to the facts
- E) **Revelation** – truth has been divinely revealed and can be known by man

II) “Truth”

- A) Gk. *aletheia* – truth, verity, reality, fact, certainty; free from falsehood, deceit, error
- B) The truth of a matter concerns what is real and factual about it (1 Thess. 2:13; Matt. 14:33)
 - 1) True testimony reveals what is truth, not opinion or deception (3 Jn. 12; Prov. 12:17)
- C) Many in our world doubt or deny the existence of absolute truth (Jn. 18:38)
 - 1) “There are no eternal facts, as there are no absolute truths” – *Friedrich Nietzsche*
 - 2) A denial of an objective standard that applies to every area of our lives (1 Thess. 4:1-2)

III) Because God Exists, Absolute Truth Exists

- A) God is a God of truth (Deut. 32:4; Jn. 17:17)
- B) Jesus is God (Jn. 1:1, 14; 20:28; Col. 1:15; 2:9)
- C) Jesus made known God the Father (Jn. 1:18; 1 Jn. 5:20)
- D) Divine objective, absolute, and complete truth came by Jesus (Jn. 1:14, 17; 18:37; Heb. 1:1-2)
 - 1) If we abide in His word and are His disciples, we shall know the truth (Jn. 8:31-32)
 - 2) Need to hear and be taught by Jesus, because “the truth is in Jesus” (Eph. 4:21)
 - 3) Hear the “word of truth, the gospel of your salvation” which has come into all the world (Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5-6)

IV) Through Jesus, the Truth, We...

- A) Are spiritually born of God (Jas. 1:18)
- B) Are set free from sin (Jn. 8:32-36; Rom. 6:17-18)
- C) Put on the new man (Eph. 4:21-24)
- D) Grow in grace and knowledge (2 Pet. 3:18)
- E) Have our hope laid up in heaven (Col. 1:5)
- F) *Being able to know and experience the above, let us...*
 - 1) Believe and love the truth (Psa. 119:159-160; 2 Thess. 2:10-12)
 - 2) Rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim. 2:15)
 - 3) Walk in and speak the truth in love (3 Jn. 3; Eph. 4:15)
 - 4) Defend the truth (Phil. 1:17)

Conclusion

Jesus came into this world to bear witness to the truth – His voice is the truth (Jn. 18:37). His word will judge us in the last day (12:48). Will you hear His voice of truth today and obey it?