

# DRILLING BIBLE BASICS (4)

## TRUTH

### Introduction

- 1) **“What is truth?”** (Pilate’s question asked of Jesus – John 18:38)
- 2) Many search for truth – Can it be known? Where is it found? Are there different “truths”?

### I) Nature and Source of Truth

- A) **Truth** is what is real, actual, factual, genuine (Acts 26:25; Prov. 12:17; 3 Jn. 12)
  - 1) If not conform to a true standard, it is false and untrue, counterfeit (1 Cor. 8:4; 1 Jn. 4:5-6)
- B) God is the source of all truth, for in God is summed up the reality of all things (Acts 17:28)
  - 1) Whatever God declares, commands, or does is the fullness of truth (Deut. 32:4; Rev. 15:3)
- C) God revealed all truth for us today in Christ – His word, the gospel (Jn. 16:13; 17:17; Eph. 1:13)
  - 1) Truth has come into all the world and will judge the world (Col. 1:5-6; Acts 17:31)
- D) Divine truth is:
  - 1) **Objective** – from God; does not arise from subjective human reasoning (Prov. 3:5; Isa. 65:16)
  - 2) **Absolute** – always true; not changed by situations or culture (Psa. 119:89; 1 Pet. 1:23)
  - 3) **Complete** – fully sufficient; no need for revision or addition (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

### II) Our Responsibility to the Truth

- A) **Know it** (Jn. 8:30-32)
  - 1) It has been revealed by God for us to hear (Jn. 16:13; 17:17; Eph. 1:13; Rom. 10:17)
- B) **Believe it** (2 Thess. 2:13-14)
  - 1) The word of God works in those who believe (1 Thess. 2:13; Acts 2:41)
- C) **Obey it** (1 Pet. 1:22-23)
  - 1) Walking in the truth pleases God (Rom. 6:17; 2 Jn. 4)
- D) **Love it** (Psa. 119:97, 159-160)
  - 1) A strong love for truth will keep us from error (2 Thess. 2:10)
- E) **Rightly Divide it** (2 Tim. 2:15)
  - 1) The truth must be studied so that we will be guided by its authority (Eph. 5:17)
- F) **Speak it** (Eph. 4:15)
  - 1) Truth must be spoken openly without shame (2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Pet. 4:11)
- G) **Defend it** (Phil. 1:17)
  - 1) Contend earnestly for the faith as the revealed will of God (Jude 3)

### III) Discerning Truth from Error

- \*Men in error love not, resist, turn ears away from, and suppress the truth (2 Thess. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:8; 4:4; Rom. 1:18)
- A) **Determine the source** (Matt. 21:25; Gal. 1:8; 1 Cor. 4:6)
    - 1) Is it of God or of men? Is it from the Bible – the apostle’s doctrine revealed for us today?
  - B) **Examine specific teachings** (1 Jn. 4:1-6; 2 Jn. 7-11)
    - 1) Examine carefully and honestly what is taught to see if it is what the Bible teaches
  - C) **Observe the fruit** (Matt. 7:15-20)
    - 1) One who claims to follow God will not bear fruit of immorality or doctrines of men

### Conclusion

**John 14:6** – “I am the way, the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me”  
**Proverbs 23:23** – “Buy the **truth** and do not sell it, also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”  
What a blessing to know, believe, obey, love, rightly divide, speak, and defend the truth of God! Have you obeyed it? Believe, repent of sin, and be baptized today!