

<p>What is Truth (cf. Jn. 18:38)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth is the gospel (Eph. 1:13). The gospel (<i>euaggelion</i>) is “glad tidings, good or joyful news” (Moulton 172). • Truth is divine revelation (Jn. 16:15; Eph. 1:17; Col. 1:27). • Jesus was a representation of truth by his words and actions (Jn. 1:1, 14; 14:6-7; Col. 2:8). • Jesus is so closely connected to truth that it is known as the “<i>law of Christ</i>” (I Cor. 9:21; Gal. 6:2) and “<i>word of Christ</i>” (Col. 3:16). • The oneness of the godhead is depicted in the terms for truth. The Father (Jn. 17:17) and the Holy Spirit (i.e., “<i>law of the Spirit of Life</i>” / Rom. 8:2) are connected to truth. Summarily truth is thereby referred to as “<i>the Word of God</i>” (Col. 1:25). • The truth is termed “<i>the word of faith</i>” (Rom. 10:8) because it produces belief (Rom. 10:17). The association between truth being a law that produces faith prompted Paul to refer to it as “<i>the law of faith</i>” (Rom. 3:27). The term, “<i>the faith</i>” is often used to signify truth from a faith and law perspective (Phil. 2:16-27; Col. 1:23; Jude 3) just as the term “<i>perfect law of liberty</i>” (James 2:12) does. • A law that liberates one from sin must thereby be connected to God’s grace (Rom. 6:14; 15:14-15; Titus 2:11-12). 	<h1>The Nature of Truth</h1>	<p>Truth is NOT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the mind of man (Matt. 15:8-9; I Cor. 2:9; II Cor. 1:12; Gal. 1:11-12). • A lie (Rom. 1:25; Eph. 4:14; I Jn. 2:21, 27). • Determined by a popular preacher (Gal. 2:6). • Something designed to put me in good standing with the world (Matt. 6:1). • Incomplete (Ezra 1:1-4; Jude 3; Eph. 3:1ff). • Ever developing (Matt. 19:8; I Cor. 13; Heb. 13:8). God’s word was revealed part by part (I Cor. 13:9) and considered a mystery (Col. 1:26). Now truth is complete (II Tim. 3:16-17). • Designed to make merchandise of people (I Thess. 2:3). • For only one class or race of people (Gen. 22:18; Exod. 12:49; Jer. 32:27; I Cor. 5:3; II Tim. 2:9). • Something associated with the devil (Jn. 8:44). • A stumbling-block to the righteous (Ezek. 3:20-21; I Pet. 2:8). • Impossible to meet its instructions (Matt. 5:48; Acts 2:38; 8; I Jn. 2:8f).
<p>Truth is the STANDARD that man is judged by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth stands <u>alone</u> as man’s standard (Dan. 5:27; Amos 7:7-8; Eph. 4:1ff). • God’s will for man is the standard of truth (Matt. 7:21-24; Eph. 2:20). • Truth is the standard that exposes a man’s real identity (i.e. righteous or unrighteous) (I Cor. 14:24-25; Heb. 4:12-13). • Truth alone will judge us at the end of times (Jn. 12:46-50; Col. 2:23). 		
<p>What can TRUTH do for me?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth saves one from the consequences of sin (I Cor. 1:18-19; 15:1-2; Rom. 1:16; 8:1ff). • Truth, when learned, will establish me in God’s prescribed ways (II Thess. 3:3). • Truth will cause me to be spiritually healthy (II Tim. 3:2). • Truth will bring me to the “<i>fullness of Christ</i>” (Eph. 4:13; Col. 2:9-10). • Truth is my weapon of warfare against Satan (Matt. 4:1-11; Eph. 6:17). 		
<p>My responsibility toward truth:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn truth (Eph. 4:20-21). • Know truth (Ezek. 3:4-7; Jn. 8:31-32; I Cor. 2:12; Eph. 1:17-18; 3:3-4; 4:13; 5:17; Jude 5). • Believe truth (Mk. 16:16; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6). • Use truth lawfully (I Tim. 1:8). • Keep every command of truth (Col. 1:23; I Tim. 6:14). • Guard its purity as the one true standard separate from man’s opinions and religious ideas (II Tim. 1:12-13). • Fight (I Tim. 6:12) and contend (Jude 3) for the purity of truth. • When truth calls let all obey (II Thess. 2:13-14). 		