

WHAT IS TRUTH

FINDING TRUTH IN JESUS CHRIST

“Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?”

~ John 18:38

1. What is Truth?

- a. People are presented with Christ, and ask him “what is truth?” – John 18:33-38
- b. If something is true for me, is it also true for you? Can there be many truths?
- c. Truth is expected to answer the big questions:
 - i. Who are we? Where did we come from? How do we know? What is most valuable? Where will we end up?
- d. There are many claims to truth – philosophers, scientists, Joe the plumber.
- e. What is the standard? Where is the measuring stick? What is our basis for reality?
- f. Post-truth - appeals to emotion and personal belief are more influential than facts
- g. Without God, a search for truth is meaningless, vain, futile, without hope or end.

2. Truth is no lie.

- a. Truth is entirely accurate, correct, conformed to fact, pure from falsehood.
- b. False is that which deceives, lie, fallen from truth, fallacy. Rom 9:1, Eph 4:25; 1Jo 2:21
- c. Truth lies in the street when falsehood reigns - Isaiah 59:13-14 (post-truth?)
- d. Truth is genuine, not a copy, counterfeit, imitation, or substitute.
- e. There is no truth in the Devil – John 8:43-47; Satan (the adversary) of Truth (God)

3. Truth is what really is.

- a. The chair and the blind man; the house and the garden.
- b. Not what you think, feel, perceive it to be. Truth is not arrived at by reason, feeling.
- c. Truth is certain, eternal, right, unchanging – Prov 12:17-19; 22:21, 23:23
- d. What it is in truth – 1 Thess 2:13; 2 Cor 13:8; John 8:13-14

4. Truth is what God knows.

- a. You can know the truth by revelation – John 8:32
- b. Thy word is truth – John 17:17
- c. The church, house of God, is the pillar and ground of truth – 1 Tim 2:4; 1 Tim 3:15
- d. You hear the word of truth – and respond in trust/faith – Eph 1:13
- e. The love of the truth is salvation – 2 Thess 2:10

5. Jesus Christ is Truth.

- a. Jesus said I am the way, the truth, and the life - John 14:6
- b. Knowing the truth of Jesus Christ, son of God, Truth and Life - 1 John 5:6-8, 5:20
- c. Paul says the truth is in Jesus – Eph 4:21; 1 Tim 2:7
- d. Christ is the answer to all the big questions – He is the source of wisdom, truth, light, life; You are who Christ made you to be; you know the truth in Christ; you know where you will end up, because of Christ!