

QUESTIONS CHRISTIANS ARE ASKED

"HOW DO YOU KNOW...?"

"That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee?"

~ Proverbs 22:21

1. Introduction

- a. Many times people are instructed in things, but do not have certainty – Luke 1:1-4
- b. Certainty *def.* - assurance of mind; truth, fact, reality; settled
- c. If there is one thing post-modern thinking trips over it is certainty – how do you know?
- d. How do you know ... God, the Bible is true, Jesus is God, you are right (assurance)
- e. These are questions Christians are asked by the culture, so often assumed by us

2. How do you know truth? – Listen to God – Rom 3:4

- a. "how to know" – consult the standard measure, "how you know" – follow the standard
- b. Philosophy says... reason (logic), experience (nature), but also... revelation (told)
- c. We were told the Bible was true, but no one read it; then science, then feelings...
- d. Now people question every authority based on if it feels right or not, so they are lost.
- e. Each question confirms their diagnosis of being lost, confused, ignorant – it is curable.
- f. *How do you know truth?* You don't without God – 1Cor 2:14, Ro 10:17, Heb 11:6
- g. Good news! He has already started manifesting it – Rom 1:18-20 – "higher power"

3. How do you know the Bible is true? – Read it – 2 Tim 3:16

- a. *How do we know God wrote it?* - It's own power, witness, perfection, and clarity
- b. 1) Power - 1 Cor 2:1-4 – Start with the power of God – which is Rom 1:16.
 - i. We all have knowledge from God – we know right and wrong – Rom 2:13-15
- c. 2) Conscience ~def. with knowledge. – 1 Cor 8:7, John 8:9, 2 Cor 4:2, 5:11
- d. 3) Miracles – Exo 10:2, obedience – Exo 20:20, Titus 1:15, 2Th 3:2, Israel–Isa 43:9-10, prophecy – 2 Pet 1:19, Jesus Christ...

4. How do you know Jesus is God? – He's Alive – John 1:4

- a. In Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge - Col 2:3, 2:9-10
- b. Know Christ, know God - John 3:33, 5:26, 8:18-19, 14:6
- c. The witnesses and record of how you can know truth - 1 John 5:13, 5:6-9
- d. He rose from the dead! – 1 Cor 15:3-10; life is in him – Col 3:3
- e. *How do you know you are right, and everyone else is wrong?* I don't, only God does.
- f. Our source of truth is God. God is found in Christ. Christ is revealed in Bible. Drink up.