

TRUE - TRUTH

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INTRODUCTION

- A. TEXT: “.....and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (II Thess. 2:9-12).
1. Some will perish because they received not the love of the truth.
 2. Chose to believe a lie.
 3. Truth was there....they chose not to believe it.
- B. WHAT DO WE MEAN BY WORD TRUTH?
1. Facts which may be ascertained to be true or false.
 2. The full or real state of affairs. (Judicial language)
 3. Dependability. Absolute sense of that which is real.
 4. Unconcealed, Manifest.
- C. GENUINE: Used in regards to:
1. God. “*He that sent me is True*” (John 7:28).
 2. Christ. “*The True light*” (John 1:9).
 3. God’s Word. “*These are True Words of God*” (Rev. 15:3).
 4. His Ways. “*Righteous and true are thy ways...*” (Rev. 15:3).
- D. HIS WORD IS TRUTH.....John 17:17.
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AGE OLD QUESTIONS

- A. CAN WE KNOW THE TRUTH?
1. Is the answer “Yes”, - “No”, Or “Maybe”.
 2. Several things we want to consider, and then we will come back to this question.
- B. IS IT IMPORTANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH?
1. Some, in religion, say that “truth” doesn’t really matter. Just do what you think best.
 2. Be Honest and Sincere.
- C. IS TRUTH IMPORTANT IN OTHER MATTERS??
1. You have a life threatening condition.
 2. Need to get to [place to save your life as quickly as possible.
 3. Ask for directions....

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4. **Does it make any difference if they tell you the TRUTH or not?**
 5. What do I have to do, to get from here to there?
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WE MUST

A. WORSHIP IN TRUTH!

1. *"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth."* (John 4:24).
2. As the Psalmist said... *"Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon him, To all that call upon him in truth."* (Psalm 145:18).

B. SERVE GOD IN TRUTH:

1. *"Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him in sincerity and in truth; and put away the gods which you father served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye Jehovah."* (Joshua 24:14).
2. Did Israel do this. Could they claim inability to know the truth as an excuse for their actions?

C. WALK IN TRUTH:

1. *"If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel."* (I Kings 2:4).
 2. Did their Kings walk in truth.. Did they? They could have.
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THE TRUTH SHOULD

A. ABIDE IN SAINTS:

1. *"The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth; for the truth's sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us for ever."* (II John 2).
2. How does the truth abide it us?

B. BE BELIEVED:

1. See TEXT.
2. One can choose to believe or not believe the truth.

C. SHOULD BE OBEYED:

1. *"but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness shall be wrath and indignation."* (Rom. 2:8).
2. Our choice...to obey or not to obey. No problem of knowing.

D. SHOULD BE LOVED:

1. *"Text"*

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E. SHOULD BE RIGHTLY DIVIDED OR HANDLED ARIGHT.

1. *"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth."* (2 Tim. 2:15).
 2. How are you handling God's Word, the Truth.
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THE WICKED

A. TURN AWAY FROM TRUTH:

1. *"...and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables."* (II Tim. 4:4).
2. Must be able to know it...to turn away from it.

B. THE WICKED RESIST THE TRUTH.

1. *"And even as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith."* (II Tim. 3:8).
 2. Much of Paul's letter's to Timothy deal with those who would, change, deny, resist, or in some way reject the truth. The problem was not in being able to know the Truth, but the willingness to Obey the Truth.
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CONCLUSION

A. THE TRUTH IS:

1. That upon which we are to meditate. (Phil. 4:8)
2. That which we are to write upon our hearts. (Prov. 3:3).
3. And Is our Armor in life against the forces of evil. (Eph. 6:14).

B. HOW CAN ONE SAY:

1. That we can't know the Truth or
2. That we don't need to....this makes error as good and as valuable as Truth.

C. WE CAN CHOSE NOT TO KNOW...AND NOT TO LOVE THE TRUTH **BUT...**

1. LOOK AT THE CONSEQUENCE.
2. OUR TEXT. *"That they all might be judged..."*

D. IN MATTERS OF LIFE AND DEATH WHICH DO YOU WANT...

1. Truth
 2. Or Error. **(John 8:32)**
 3. **How Thankful We Should Be That We Can Know The Truth.**
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