
forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Types of truth	Characteristics	Effect
Law	Perfect	Refreshing
Statues	Trustworthy	Wise
Precepts	Right	Joy
Commands	Radiant	Understanding
Decrees	Firm	Righteous

¹⁰ *They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.* ¹¹ *By them your servant is warned; **in keeping them** there is **great reward**.*

Jesus, the embodiment of truth; revelation of God

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me.

*Colossians 1:19 For God was pleased to have **all his fullness dwell in him**.*

John 1:18 No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.

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What is Truth?

Grace and Truth—part 3

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The strong and silent headwinds of “cultural truth”

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or anything in the world.... For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life is not from the Father but it from the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but the will of God abides forever.

(We are) “becoming more and more de-Christianized by all sorts of unconscious pressure: paganism holds all the most valuable advertising space.” -T.S. Eliot

Culture’s greatest influence is by what it implies as *normal*

“The most dangerous ideas in a are not the ones that are being argued, but the ones that are assumed.” C.S. Lewis

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good, pleasing and perfect.

What is truth?

Absolute truth for all of life

Psalm 119:89 Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

The bible’s view of truth can be most simply summarized:

- All truth is God’s truth.
 - Truth is holistic, meaning it covers every facet of life.
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Truth:

- Actual state of affairs—statements of reality.
- Bible is God's truth

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

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- “Emeth” (OT) -

Deuteronomy 32:4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

Psalm 146:6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

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- What one does

John 3:21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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- A quality of God's nature

Psalm 43:3 (ESV) Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! (Ps. 119:43; Titus 1:2)

- God's people are expected to be people of truth (Ex. 18:21; Ps 45:4; Hos. 4:1).
- Has the power to set us free from slavery to our human nature (Jn. 8:32).

John 1:1-3 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him...

General revelation

Psalm 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

² Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. ³ They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. ⁴ Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. ⁵ It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course. ⁶ It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Truth is rooted in the character of God; principles of God's truth

The character of God is true

1 John 5:20 We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom. Let not the mighty man glory in his might. Let not the rich man glory in his riches. But let him who glories, glory in this, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these things, I delight,” says the Lord.

Special revelation and God's law

Psalm 19:7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸ The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. ⁹ The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring
