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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...

### Faith is based on evidence and reason

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the **assurance** of things hoped for, the **conviction** of things not seen.

### Importance of Jesus' resurrection

1 Corinthians 15:3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, <sup>1</sup> and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

1 Corinthians 15:17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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What is Truth?

Is Christianity True? Part 1

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John 18:38 What is truth?" retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him.

### Subjective "truth"

### Objective / absolute truth for all of life

John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.... <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

The bible's view of truth can be most simply summarized this way:

- All truth is God's truth.
  - Truth is holistic, meaning it covers every facet of life.
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## Human nature's revolt against objective truth

*Romans 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,<sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.<sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

*<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.<sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools<sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.*

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.<sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.*

*<sup>28</sup> Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done.*

## 3 components of moral truth

- Social
- Personal
- Design

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## Evidence of truth in Christianity

- God seen in creation

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

- 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.*

- 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.<sup>8</sup> The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.<sup>9</sup> The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.*

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

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

*Psalm 25:5 Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.*

- Jesus is the embodiment of truth

*John 14:6 I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

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