

“WHAT IS TRUTH?”
JOHN 18:28-40

INTRO: **WHAT IS TRUTH? HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER THAT QUESTION? WHAT IS TRUTH?** If we are going to live effectively and glorify God in the process **WE MUST KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.**

I. THE PERCEPTION OF TRUTH - VS. 37

QUESTION: WHAT IS TRUTH?

A. The Perception of Truth in the World

1. A Barna Research Group survey on what Americans believe asked the question: **“IS THERE ABSOLUTE TRUTH?”**
 - a. 67% of the adults in America say there is no such thing as Absolute Truth.
 - b. 72% of those aged 18-25 in America say there is no such thing as Absolute Truth.
2. According to the survey, many people believe that what is truth for one person is not necessarily truth for another. I use the old adage as an illustration: “You say TO-MAY-TOE,” but “I say TO-MAH-TOE.”
3. According to the survey 75% of **PROFESSING CHRISTIANS** believe there is no such thing as **ABSOLUTE TRUTH.**
4. According to the survey 52% of **BORN AGAIN CHRISTIANS** believe that there is no such thing as **ABSOLUTE TRUTH.**

NOTE: **THE WORLD HAS NO REAL CONCEPT OF TRUTH!!** That is one of the reasons why the world is in such a mess these days.

B. The Perception of Truth in the Word of God

1. Truth is Absolute according to scripture. In the Gospel of John there are three Greek words used for truth that gives us a biblical understanding.
 - a. “Alethes” (John 3:33) Translated “TRUE” and means “Unconcealed, to manifest, actual, true to fact.”
 - b. “Alethinus” (John 17:3) Translated “TRUE” and means “That which real, ideal or genuine.”
 - c. “Aletheia” (John 17:17) Translated “TRUTH” and means “That which is the essence of a matter and that which is sincere.”
2. Therefore **“BIBLICAL TRUTH IS THAT WHICH CORRESPONDS TO REALITY, WHAT IS FACTUAL, AND ABSOLUTE.” REAL TRUTH IS THE SAME FOR ALL PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES FOR ALL AGES ALWAYS...UNCHANGABLE.**
3. Truth originates with God
4. Truth is to be a vital part of the Christian’s Life
5. Truth will be Rejected – 2 Timothy 4:4

II. THE POWER OF TRUTH

QUESTION: WHAT DOES TRUTH DO?

- A. Truth Liberates – John 8:32
- B. Truth Separates – John 17:17
- C. Truth Invigorates – John 4:24

III. THE PORTAL OF TRUTH

QUESTION: WHERE DOES TRUTH ORIGINATE?

- A. God is Truth – Deuteronomy 32:4
- B. Jesus is Truth – John 14:6
- C. The Holy Spirit is Truth – John 14:17
- D. The Scripture is Truth – John 17:17

IV. THE PROSPECT OF TRUTH

QUESTION: CAN WE REALLY KNOW AND LIVE BY TRUTH?

- A. By Studying God’s Word
- B. By Obeying God’s Word
- C. By Applying God’s Word