

If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

**John 8:31-32**

## Store In My Heart

### John 8:23-24

And He was saying to them, "You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

Jesus told these Jews they would die in their sins because they are of the world and would not believe He was from God.

Truly we also will die sinners if we do not believe Jesus is the very Son of God. Our worldly attitudes can keep us from listening to God's Word. To believe in Christ we need to set aside our lowly thoughts based on human experience and set our minds on what God has delivered through His inspired writers to guide us.

We need to read and study all of His Word if we want to die saved from our sins. Be diligent in your study of God's Word!



# 7 Truths About Truth

## Perry Hall

- 1. Truth exists.** In a world where absolutes are disappearing, this foundation is not a given. If truth does not exist, then it is impossible and self-contradictory to deny truth exists! To deny the truth exists is exerting a truth itself. It is the same as saying "absolutes do not exist"; and to which the retort is, "Are you absolutely sure about that?" Therefore, truth exists.
- 2. Truth can be understood.** A second foundation might need to be laid. This requires two affirmations: 1) Truth itself can be understood; 2) We personally are capable of understanding truth. To deny truth can be understood is again self-contradictory because asserting something cannot be understood affirms that being understood is a conceptual reality.
- 3. Truth is found in God's word.** For those who didn't grow up with an inbuilt familiarity with the Bible, this foundation may need studying too. Both internal and external evidence assert the historicity of the text of the Bible and the reality of the people, places, and things. There is more evidence for the authenticity of the Bible than any other ancient text which are also accepted as legitimate.
- 4. Truth is something I need.** Human nature might default to lies due to trauma for the sake of false survival, just ask anyone who has suffered such atrocities. Only one thing heals deep wounds – truth. Even love is a type of truth because it includes loyalty, honesty, and dignity. No

one who is healthy emotionally wants to subsist on lies. Therefore, truth is desirable and needed. I need God's truth so I can believe rightly about God, myself, and others.

5. **Truth is something others need.** Truth is the ultimate unifier and equalizer. To lie to someone is to deny their dignity and worth. To issue truth to others is to honor them. Again, God's truth is needed by everyone so we can believe rightly about God, ourselves, and others to treat others lovingly as ourselves.
6. **Truth is something I believe I have.** Everyone believes they possess the truth about something (even atheists and naturalists). Since I believe in God and His truths, it is not egotistical to claim: a) I am holding on to what I believe is truth; b) truth is revealed by that God through His word; c) and that I can understand it.
7. **Truth is something I believe I should share.** If we believe we have the truth, there is an inner compulsion to share it. This is showing loyalty to truth, and to our friends.

Why share these 7 truths about truth? These lead to worshiping God as He declares, living by His dictates, healthy relationships with others and ourselves, and evangelism so that others can share in the truth we believe and need. Why share these 7 truths? Because...truth exists.

(My fellow preacher, Perry Hall, often shares his insights through social media. This post, one of his "A Pew Moments with Perry" I saw on Saturday about truth, should give us all some things to consider. We need to focus on the Truth. We need to keep in mind that others need the Truth. They may not find it alone and we can help. If we believe Truth is important we should want others to know it also. The Truth will always draw one closer to God and the ultimate goal of Heaven when this life is over.)

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## For Our Information

John Ragsdale has had chills and slept a good amount during the past week. He has had several difficult days.

Adene Gray has some test run this past week.

Brenda Keisler is still doing physical therapy for her knee.

David & Paula Laubach's daughter, Deana, had surgery last week and is in the hospital.

Sunday Evening - **Psalm 4.** Wednesday Evening - **James 3:5**

Keep one another in your prayers each day.

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

