

# **Knowing the Truth**

# Overcoming the postmodernism barrier to salvation.

If truth is not universal, what does that mean for how people may act?

How has moral relativism effected our society? How would the view that man is the center of all things impact relationships with God? How would the view that people are on their own to discern truth impact morality?

## Truth vs the world view, John 14:15-17

If we love God, what will we do? What will Jesus do for those who respond to Him? Why is the Holy Spirit called Helper here? What will the Helper do? What does it mean the Holy Spirit will be with us forever? Why is the Holy Spirit called the Spirit of Truth? What does it mean that the world can not receive the Spirit of truth? Can unbelievers know the truth?... Why?

What does the truth look like to unbelievers? How is it that we believers do see the Spirit of Truth? How is it that we believers know the Spirit of Truth? What does it mean in verse 17 where it says, "He dwells with you and will be in you"?

How do people in the world generally react when they are confronted with the truth about God?

How does Satan take advantage of the propensity of man to reject the truth about God?

## John 8:44

Who is Jesus calling sons of the devil? Who was a murder from the beginning? How so? What does it mean that Satan does not stand in the truth? Why is it that Satan does not stand in the truth? If the truth is in you, what will you do? How is it that Satan is the father of lies? How did the purpose of Jesus' mission to earth differ from that of Satan?

## John 18:37-38

What does it mean to be "of the truth"? How do we hear God's voice, does this mean there should be an audible voice that believers hear? How did Pilate view the truth? What is universal truth?

How did Pilate's attitude about truth reveal that he was an idolater?

What will become of those who reject the truth? What else characterizes those who suppress the truth? So what is the corollary of this, if we stand on the truth, how are we to be characterized?

What are people really doing when they reject to truth of God?

How is it that rejecting the truth of God makes you an idolater?

Would you expect truth to be more or less prevalent as we get closer to the time of the Lord's return?

# 2 Timothy 3:1-9

Does this passage describe the day we are living in? Who is it that has a form of godliness but denying its power?

What are we commanded to do if we find ourselves mixed up with those who deny the power of God?

What do those who deny the power of God do?

Why is it just women that are subjected to those who deny the power of God?

What else do those who deny the power of God do? Does the amount of one's education have any bearing on their ability to know the truth?

Why did Jannes and Jambres duplicate the miracles of Moses?

How do those rejecting the truth of God act like Jannes and Jambres today?

How did Paul describe those who are like Jannes and Jambres?

What does it mean they are disapproved concerning the faith?

What will become of those like Jannes and Jambres? So how does a person's world view impact their openness to the truth?

## Truth is a characteristic of God

## John 1:14

Why is Jesus called the Word?

How is Jesus described in John 1:14?

What does it mean Jesus was full of grace?

How is it that Jesus was full of truth?

How was Jesus distinct from all others God sent before Him?

Does **John 1:17** say that Moses did not reveal the truth in the Law?

How do we know that the Bible accurately represents what Jesus said?

So if truth is an important attribute of God, how may we be more godly ourselves?

## Truth enables a relationship with God

#### John 4:23-24

What did Jesus mean when He said, "the hour coming and now is here"? How did Jesus define real worship? What does it mean to worship in spirit? What does it mean to worship in truth?

# John 14:6

What does it mean to come to the Father? How is it Jesus is the way that people come to the Father? How is it Jesus is the life? ...truth? So what role does truth have in our relationship with God? And what is Jesus' desire for all people? Is it possible to go to heaven any other way besides accepting the truth about Jesus? Why would a loving God provide such a narrow way that excludes so many people?

## How Truth Benefits People

#### John 8:32

How is it that we shall know the truth? So who is it that shall know the truth? We live in a free country, why do we need to be made free? How does being in bondage to sin cause us problems in the here and now? What do people think freedom is? How does the world's concept of freedom compare to the freedom that Jesus came to bless us with? How is it the truth makes us free?

Who plays an important role in our relationship with God after we put our trust in Jesus?

#### **Ephesians 1:13**

What is the word of truth?

What does it mean that we were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise?

How is the presence of the Holy Spirit apparent in our lives?

How are the fruit of the Spirit benefits from knowing the truth?

What role does the Holy Spirit play in our knowing the truth about God?

#### John 16:13

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit will not speak on His own authority?

What does it mean the Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth?

What does it mean that the Holy Spirit will tell us things to come?

What is the prerequisite to learning the truth from the Holy Spirit?

What is the benefit to us in the here and now to know the truths about spiritual matters?

What other benefits are there for knowing the truth?