

## TRUTH

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It is not that Christianity is good as much as it is Truth. The result of truth is good. What makes truth is this: truth is not the beholder, but the giver. Truth comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Truth is the standard that originates with God. Circumstances are not the basis for determining truth. Truth is the criteria for establishing truth. Jesus Christ IS Truth. Truth redeemed mankind and truth (the Bible) is the guiding light for humanity. The power of truth is in truth itself not the benefactor. Truth preserves freedom. Truth, therefore, is experienced in the fruits of the spirit, which fills us to overflowing, in itself. Truth is the revelation of absolute integrity. Truth must reveal itself to be known. Truth is the very essence of God.

During my childhood years I loved the world of fantasy – still do. The fragility of childhood is just that – so innocent, so real, so sweet. Fantasy is the world as we wish it could be. In adults one might say it is an escape, but one could also make a case that what we wish the world could be is what perhaps it should be.

Well, the years have passed since my dreams of enchantment and the faces of reality are much different than I ever imagined because people are much different than I understood them to be.

When I was younger I wondered about lying and truth; life and meaning; and where God came from. My search began with the delight of fantasy in children's books. At some point I saw Jesus on a Cross and learned He died so we could go to Heaven someday.

The Cross of His death seemed to have a life all its own, and I would talk (and sometimes cry) to Him hanging there. I thought about how awful and painful His Cross must have felt. And to know that He did it all for me was overwhelming to me. I was always telling Him if I was there when they nailed Him to the Cross I would have died for Him so he wouldn't have to. I was and am a sinner by nature, but as a child I was also innocent of the world. Christ was innocent when He died for you and me. As a child it was difficult to understand the imperative of the Cross. But, His Cross, His Truth, His Love, His Mercy, His Forgiveness are the reality of meaning and life. My delight as God's child is God's Truth – Jesus Christ. In Him I know Truth intimately.

The very essence of life is Truth and Truth is its own guardian. God is Justice and the Justice of God guards His Absolute Righteousness – Truth is the guardian of life. Jesus Christ is Truth and He is Life. Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. When one rejects truth they are really rejecting Christ. People everywhere are searching for truth – someone to trust. The Cross of Christ is the Truth the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth. Search no further, the Son, died for you. The first letter of Truth is the Cross.

The question is not “what is Truth” – the question is “who” Truth is? The answer is “I Am” (Exodus 3:14) sayeth the Lord. The Truth of Christ died for the untruth of mankind Romans 5:8-

9). Have you accepted “The Truth” (Christ)? If you have not accepted Christ you have rejected Him!!

When man makes Truth what he thinks it should be, he makes God a liar and he makes God what he wants God to be - God in man's own image. This is Idolatry! Rejection of Truth is idolatry. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved (Acts 16:31).

In closing, the human race has been judged unrighteous, dead in trespasses and sin under condemnation (judgment) of God (John 3:14 -18; 3:36; 5:24; Romans 3:23; 5:8). The Adamic race is condemned (Romans Chapters one through five). But, the gift of God to mankind is Jesus Christ who provided eternal life. Christ has reconciled us to God. You can accept the truth (Christ) right now and pass from death to eternal life. Trust the Cross of Truth – Jesus Christ. Trust His death in your place and His resurrection for your eternal life. If you will, God by His Grace through His Son will save you right now and forever (Ephesians 2:8-9). Live in truth. Happy Studying!