

THE SOURCE OF TRUTH

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"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:14–17 ESV)

How do we KNOW what we KNOW?

We all have a WORLDVIEW.

Where do we determine truth from?

Option #1- Those AROUND us.

If every CULTURE in human history has been WRONG about some things, what are the chances that ours is as well?

Option #2- OURSELVES.

The problem with making our FEELINGS our source of truth is that our "god" starts to look a lot LIKE US.

*"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"
(Jeremiah 17:9, NIV)*

The problem with our own MORAL COMPASS is that it doesn't point NORTH.

Option #3- JESUS.

"Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?' " "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"

(Matthew 19:3–5 NIV)

"On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" (Luke 10:25–26 NIV)

"Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. (Matthew 22:29 NIV)

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." (Matthew 5:17–18 NIV)

We believe in the BIBLE because we believe in JESUS.

If you want to know what GOD is like, look at JESUS.

"Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (John 14:9b NIV)

Benefits of the Bible:

Benefit #1 - It shows God to be more RELIABLE in our lives.

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
(Romans 8:38–39 NIV)*

Benefit #2 - It gracefully OFFENDS us.

Benefit #3 - It removes uncertainty about MORALITY and FLOURISHING.

Benefit #4 - It gives CLARITY about where all this is going.

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