

THY WORD IS TRUTH

“What is truth?”

THE BIBLE CLAIMS TO CONTAIN THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY ON TRUTH.

What are the Biblical claims about truth?

Today I want to show you 7 of the Biblical claims.

Claim #1 - The majority of people don't have the truth. **Matthew 7:13-14; Proverbs 14:12**

[13] “Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (ESV)

[12] there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

Claim #2 - The culture will continually shift from truth to lies. **1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:4**

[1] Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, [2] through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

According to the Bible, as time goes on, more and more people will buy into lies and will stray from the faith of the God of the Bible.

[3] For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, [4] and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (ESV)

Claim #3 - Truth is not found in personal feelings of the heart. **Jeremiah 17:9**

*[9] The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick;
who can understand it? (ESV)*

Your feelings do not determine truth. Some people will claim to you that they know what is true because they have this feeling within them. The Bible says that's not the way to find truth - the feelings of your heart are deceptive - feelings lie.

Claim #4 - Truth is found in the written Word of God. **John 17:17**

What did Jesus believe about the written word of God? He believed and said that it was true.

[17] Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (ESV)

What is going to keep us separated from the corruption of the world for the good and holy purposes of God? The Word.

What will keep you from sin? The Word.

What do you think Jesus wants us focused on every single day? The Word.

What do you think Jesus wants us focused on every Sunday when we gather as a local church? The Word.

How can I raise my kids well in this current culture? Consult the Word of God.

How can I have stability when life isn't going smooth? Rest in the promises of the Word of God.

What if you're in high school and you have no motivation? Read about Joseph who stuck with it even though he was forced to do things he didn't want to do, and God took notice.

What if you're enticed by the riches this world offers? Read about the life of Solomon and his journey in trying to find purpose apart from God.

What if you've really blown it and need to come back to God? Read about God's willingness to have you back through the prophet Hosea.

Claim #5 - All the truth of the written Word of God was completed by Jesus' apostles.

John 16:13; 2 Peter 1:3

[13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. (ESV)

[3] His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, (ESV)

Do we need to look for further revelation? Should we expect that God will continue to write new Scripture? According to the Bible, there is no need for it. If the the apostles of the first century were guided into all the truth necessary for being right with God, then there should be no need for new things to be revealed that pertain to life and godliness in the centuries following the apostles.

Claim #6 - The Word of God will be preserved and is imperishable. **1 Peter 1:23**

[23] since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; [24] for

*“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.*

*The grass withers,
and the flower falls,*

[25] but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you. (ESV)

For more resources on the Biblical manuscripts and apologetics material, I'd recommend listening to what these men have to say:

Textual Criticism: Daniel B. Wallace; James White

Apologist: Frank Turek; Sean McDowell; Josh McDowell; Mike Licona,

Evangelist: Ray Comfort

Scientific evidence in the Bible: Richard Stepanek

Claim #7 - The truth of God's Word cannot be adjusted or added to. **Proverbs 30:5-6**

*[5] Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.*

*[6] Do not add to his words,
lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar. (ESV)*

The Bible claims to contain the exclusive authority on truth, and I personally believe that. Why do I believe that? Because the Bible alone has perfectly diagnosed my sin condition, and offered me the cure - John 6:40.

