



# GOD'S TRUTHFULNESS AND FAITHFULNESS

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## DEFINITION

God's truthfulness means that he is the true God, and all his knowledge and words are both true and the final standard of truth.

God's faithfulness means that God will always do what he has said and fulfil what he has promised.

God's truthfulness works in tandem with his faithfulness. If he is always true and what he says is true, we can always expect that he will be faithful to every promise he makes because hebrews 6 tells us he will never lie.

## MAIN SCRIPTURE

1 John 5:20 - And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. We know this true God because Jesus has come to reveal him and not only is he the true God but we are in Him, Jesus declared himself to be the truth.

## FOLLOW-UP SCRIPTURES

Deut 32:4, John 17:3, Jer 10:10, Heb 6:17-18

## FAITH

If faith is conviction of the truth, then we have to first know what the truth is, God being truthful is in some ways the foundation of our faith. We can know our faith is based in truth because God himself is truth and he displays his truthfulness by his faithfulness. God is not a man that he should lie so our faith is secure.

## HOPE

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the things we hope for must be the things he has actually promised us. Otherwise our hope is in vain. But if we are hoping for the things he has promised then God's truthfulness guarantees that they will happen

## LOVE

God's truthfulness proves his love for us, if we can believe what he says and what he does we can be assured of his attitude towards us and love for the world. Being secure in his love will always cause us to love him more because as 1 John 4:19 tells us we love him because he first loved us.