

All In with Jordan Easley

Truth

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INTRODUCTION

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Many years ago, a bumper sticker became popular in Christian circles that said: "God said it. I believe it. That settles it." But here's the reality: If God says it, that settles it—whether we believe it or not! Today, we live in a world that wants to redefine truth. People say things like, "truth is relative" or "there's no absolute truth." But God's Word tells us otherwise. Jesus said, *"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"* (John 8:32). He didn't say you will know a truth—He said you will know the truth. So what does God's Word say about truth? Let's look at six biblical principles that define truth according to God.

KEY POINTS

1. Truth is Objective

In John 14:6, Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life."* He wasn't speaking about a personal or subjective truth—He was speaking about an absolute, unchanging truth. The problem comes when we replace God's objective truth with our own subjective opinions. Many people try to justify sin by saying, "That was true back then, but culture has changed." But Scripture is clear: God's truth does not expire. 1 Peter 1:25 says, *"The word of the Lord endures forever."* If God called something sin 2,000 years ago, it's still sin today. We don't have the right to redefine what God has clearly defined.

2. Truth is Universal

Truth is not limited to a particular group of people. It applies to all people, everywhere. In 1 Timothy 2:4, we read, "*[Jesus] wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.*" Some people believe that Jesus only came for a select few, but the Bible teaches that salvation is available to everyone. Romans 10:13 says, "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*" This truth applies to every nation, every tribe, and every language. God's truth is not exclusive—it's universal.

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3. Truth is Absolute

In John 17:17, Jesus prayed, *"Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."* That means truth is not up for debate. It is not determined by feelings or cultural shifts. Many people today say, "God told me to do this," even when what they're doing contradicts Scripture. But God's voice will never contradict God's Word. If the voice in your head tells you to do something that goes against the Bible, that's not the Holy Spirit—it's the enemy trying to deceive you. God's truth is firm and unchanging.

4. Truth is Eternal

The way we respond to truth has eternal consequences. John 3:36 says, *"The one who believes in the Son has eternal life, but the one who rejects the Son will not see life; instead, the wrath of God remains on him."* If you believe in Jesus, you have eternal life. But if you reject Him, you are choosing eternal separation from God. This is why truth matters—because what we believe about Jesus determines our eternity.

5. Truth is Life-Giving

Many people criticize Christians for believing that Jesus is the only way to heaven. But Jesus Himself said in John 14:6, "*No one comes to the Father except through me.*" If Jesus were just another religious teacher, this claim would be outrageous. But He wasn't just a teacher—He was the Son of God. Unlike other religious leaders who lived and died, Jesus conquered the grave! Because He is alive, He has the power to give us eternal life. The truth of Jesus is life-giving.

6. Truth is Under Attack

Satan's goal is to distort and destroy truth. John 8:44 calls him "*the father of lies*." We live in a world that promotes tolerance over truth and pressures believers to compromise. But the greatest enemy of truth is compromise. People say, "Christians should be tolerant!" But have you noticed that tolerance is only demanded when it comes to biblical values? The world doesn't tolerate truth—it fights against it. That's why we must stand firm on God's Word. When we compromise truth, we weaken our faith. But when we hold fast to God's truth, we experience true freedom.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Why do you think the world tries to redefine truth? How does this affect the way people see God?
2. What are some ways you can stand firm in truth when culture tells you to compromise?
3. How has the truth of Jesus brought freedom into your own life?
