

**TRUTH**



### WHAT IS TRUTH?

- IS IT REALLY THAT COMPLICATED?
- STANFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PHILOSOPHY – “IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SURVEY ALL THERE IS TO SAY ABOUT “TRUTH” IN ANY COHERENT WAY!”
- ANGLO-SAXON ROOTS BEST DEFINE IT AS – “AGREEMENT WITH FACT OR REALITY”
- IN A TIME OF UNIVERSAL DECEIT, TELLING THE TRUTH BECOMES A REVOLUTIONARY ACT - UNKNOWN

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- PILATE – “WHAT IS TRUTH?” JHN 18:38
- DO YOU BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU HEAR OR SEE ON THE RADIO, TV OR INTERNET?
- I BELIEVE OUR MISTRUST OF CULTURE, MEDIA AND POLITICIANS COMES FROM THEIR BELIEF THAT “THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS” ROM.1:18-32 – WHAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE DECLINE?

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- TRUTH IS SUBORDINATE TO AGENDA. IN THE AGE OF “SPIN”, DESIRED OUTCOME IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TRUTH
- IT IS BELIEVED THAT POWER AND AUTHORITY GIVES THE POWER TO CREATE TRUTH. JHN.7:48 – I KNOW BETTER BECAUSE I AM RICH OR FAMOUS OR HOLD A POSITION OF AUTHORITY

**WHAT DOES JESUS SAY?**

• WE NEED TO BE PEOPLE WHO REFLECT THE TRUTH OF GOD

1. TRUTH IS ONE EXPRESSION OF THE NATURE OF GOD—  
JHN. 7:28
2. JESUS WAS THE EARTHLY EXPRESSION OF THE FATHER  
MAKING HIM TRUTH- JHN.5:19-21; 7:16
3. BY LEARNING TO LIVE, ACT AND LOVE AS JESUS DOES,  
WE WILL LEARN TO KNOW THE FATHER AND REFLECT  
HIS NATURE OF TRUTH AS HIS NAME BEARERS.

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4. TO FOLLOW JESUS MEANS TO SURRENDER OUR  
WILL AND OUR AGENDA TO THE FATHER, AS JESUS  
DID. LK.9:23; 1JHN.1:7
5. WHEN WE WALK IN THE LIGHT HIS SPIRIT WILL  
ENABLE US TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL.  
JN.8:12; HEB.5:14; JHN12:35-36
6. DIFFICULT TIMES ARE COMING. HIS LIGHT WILL  
SHOW US THE WAY THROUGH IT. LK.21:25,26,34-36