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## “According To The Scriptures”

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1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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***“Now I make known unto you brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are saved, if ye hold fast the word which I preached unto you, except ye believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures”***

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- Paul preached the resurrection of Christ.
- His resurrection was prophesied in the scriptures.
- The scriptures are inspired. 2 Timothy 3:15-16
  - They are God Breathed.
- Therefore the word of God is Truth. John 17:17
- Truth then is according to God’s word.
  - No other means to determine truth. cf. John 18:37-38

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## Truth is ... Not According To One’s Conscience

- Many appeal to conscience.
- Conscience is a product of teaching.
- If taught error, one will practice error.
- Paul lived in “***all good conscience***” while persecuting.
  - Acts 8:1-3; 23:1
- He had no sense of shame in persecuting.
- After he obeyed the gospel, he was ashamed of his past.
  - 1 Corinthians 15:9; 1 Timothy 1:13; Galatians 1:13
- “... ***I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ ...***”  
Romans 1:16

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## Truth is ... Not According To What We Think

- Many say, “*I think this*” or “*I think that.*”
- Naaman refused the instructions of the prophet.
  - “***Behold I thought.***” 2 Kings 5:1-14
- What he thought did not matter.
- What we think does not make it the truth.
- Paul “***thought***” he should persecute.
  - Acts 26:9-11
- God’s thoughts are superior to man’s thoughts.
  - Isaiah 55:8-9

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## Truth is ... Not According To What Seems Right

- If it seems right ...
- “*It must be the will of the Lord because it seems so right to me.*”
- Solomon wrote ...
  - “***There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death***” – Proverbs 14:12

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**Truth is ...****Not According To What is Right in Our Own Eyes**

- Many think their judgment is the right way.
- Man's "thinking" is foolishness to God.
- Only God's instructions can properly guide man.
- Solomon again must be regarded ...
  - **"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes ..."**
  - Proverbs 12:15; 3:7
- The book of Judges records the foolishness of man.
  - Judges 17:6; 21:25

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**Truth is ...****Not According To Feelings or Emotions**

- All have feelings about different matters.
- All feelings are not the same.
- Therefore, feelings are not the standard.
- Feelings can be faulty, deceptive, and biased.
  - Ephesians 4:17-19
- Feelings can be misguided by a faulty conscience.
  - Paul. Acts 23:1; 1 Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:13

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**Truth is ...****Not According To What Is In Us**

- Many think Truth is in them.
- God's "... **word is Truth.**" John 17:17
  - Romans 8:1-14
- Truth is learned, not in-born.
  - John 6:45; Galatians 1:11-12
- The words of Jeremiah are the truth.
  - **"O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps"** Jeremiah 10:23

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**Truth is ...****Not According To Man's Traditions**

- Many do what was done by generations before.
- Paul followed the traditions of his fathers.
  - Galatians 1:13-14
- The Pharisees nullified God's commands this way.
  - Matthew 15:6
- Christ declared their worship vain.
  - Matthew 15:9

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**Truth is ...****Not According To One's Parents**

- Many do what parents or relatives did.
- Some reason on circumstances of a relative.
  - Adulterous marriages, homosexuality accepted when once rejected if it involves friends or family.
- Jesus warned ...
  - **"If any man cometh unto me, and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple."**
  - Luke 14:26; Matthew 10:34

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**Truth is ...****Not According To What Men Say**

- Position of men is regarded by most ...
  - Jeremiah 9:23-24
- Not according to what ...
  - "my preacher said ..."
  - "my pastor said ..."
  - "our priest said ..."
  - "the Holy father said ..."
  - "Billy Graham, Joel Osteen, or Max Lucado said ..."
- The Corinthians condemned for following men ...
  - 1 Corinthians 1:10-13; 17-31
- **"we must obey God rather than men"** Acts 5:29

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## Truth is ... Not According To The Majority

- The majority is usually wrong.
- The majority ...
  - Perished in the universal flood
    - Genesis 7:17-24; 1 Peter 3:20
  - The majority will be lost
    - Matthew 7:13-14
- Don't be fooled by majority rule!
- God's people are the remnant ...
  - Romans 11:5; 9:27

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## Truth is ... Not According What is Popular

- Most people desire to be popular with men.
- Scribes and Pharisees loved the praise of men.  
Matthew 6:5; 23:5-10
- Some preachers seek popularity ...
  - At the expense of the Truth
    - John 12:37-41; Jude 16
  - They fail to speak all the counsel of God
    - Acts 20:20-21, 26-32; 2 Timothy 4:1-5
- Don't be fooled by popularity and political correctness. cf. John 5:41-47

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## Truth is ... According To God's Word

- ***"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."*** John 17:17
- Speak the oracles of God. 1 Peter 4:11
- Must always ask for ...
  - A ***"... what saith the scripture?"*** Romans 4:3
- Appeal to a ***"Thus saith the Lord ..."***
  - Jeremiah 2:2
- The words of Christ will be the judgment standard.
  - John 12:48

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## John 12:47-50

***"And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I spake not from myself; but the Father that sent me, he hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life eternal: the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto me, so I speak."***

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