

Series graphic plus email

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Weather App

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Waze App

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News

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Speed Limit sign

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Interactions with and a Desire for **TRUTH**

- Truth affects us

Blaise Pascal

“People arrive at their beliefs not on the basis of proof but on the basis of what they find attractive.”

Information Age

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We can always find “information” that agrees with what we want.

He said to the woman, “*Did God really say ...*” {Genesis 3:1b}

We always **live out what we **trust in**.**

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Psalm 31:5b

... O Lord, God of **truth**.

John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, **the truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

God is the **source and standard of all truth.**

Truth: what is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory and being of God.

John 18:28-32

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They did not enter the headquarters themselves; otherwise they would be defiled and unable to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So **Pilate** came out to them and said, "What **charge** do you bring against this man?" ³⁰ They answered him, "If this man weren't a **criminal**, we wouldn't have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate told them, "You take him and judge him according to your law." "It's not legal for us to put anyone to death," the Jews declared. ³² They said this so that Jesus's words might be fulfilled indicating what kind of death he was going to die.

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Whenever truth is in **doubt Satan is at **work**.**

- **Inconvenient**
- **Threatening**
- **Boring**
- **Secondary**
- **"Feels" wrong**

Romans 1:18-20, 25

... wicked people who **suppress the truth** ... ¹⁹ They **know the truth** about God because He has made it obvious to them. ²⁰ For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see His invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God ... They **traded the truth** about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen.

Truth Suppressors & Traders

- **Truth too often gets in the way.**

John 18:33-34

Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and said to him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Are you asking this on your own, or have others told you about Me?”

John 18:35

“I’m not a **Jew**, am I?” Pilate replied. “Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Your Truth =

what’s good for me and my tribe; no standard is valid for everyone (your truth)

John 18:36-37a

“My kingdom is not of this world,” said Jesus. “If my kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I wouldn’t be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, My kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷ “You are a king then?” Pilate asked. “You say that I’m a king,” Jesus replied.

John 18:37b

“I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: **to testify to the truth**. Everyone who is of the **truth** listens to My voice.”

God is the **source and standard of all truth.**

☐ **Truth is the Person of Christ.**

1 Timothy 3:15

This is the church of the living God, which is the **pillar and foundation of the truth**.

2 Timothy 2:23

But reject foolish and ignorant disputes, because you know that they breed quarrels.

John 18:38a

“What is truth?” said Pilate.

Pilate & Truth:

- **Knew the Jews were jealous of Jesus**

- Knew the charges against Jesus were false
- Warned about Jesus by his wife (dream)
- Jesus Himself was different

We live out what we trust in.

John 18:38b-40

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, “I find no grounds for charging Him. ³⁹ You have a custom that I release one prisoner to you at the Passover. So, do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?” ⁴⁰ They shouted back, “Not this man, but Barabbas!” Now Barabbas was a revolutionary.

John 19:7-16

“We have a law,” the Jews replied to him, “and according to that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God.” ⁸ When Pilate heard this statement, he was **more afraid** than ever. ⁹ He went back into the headquarters and asked Jesus, “Where are you from?” But Jesus did not give him an answer. ¹⁰ So Pilate said to him, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Don’t you know that I have the authority to release you and the authority to crucify you?” ¹¹ “You would have no authority over me at all,” Jesus answered him, “if it hadn’t been given you from above. This is why the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin.” ¹² From that moment **Pilate kept trying** to release Him. But the Jews shouted, “If you release this man, you are not Caesar’s friend. Anyone who makes himself a king **opposes Caesar!**”

¹³ When Pilate **heard these words**, he brought Jesus outside. He sat down on the judge’s seat in a place called the Stone Pavement (but in Aramaic, *Gabbatha*). ¹⁴ It was the preparation day for the Passover, and it was about noon. Then he told the Jews, “Here is your king!” ¹⁵ They shouted, “Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Should I crucify your king?” “We have no king but Caesar!” the chief priests answered. ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to be crucified. Then they took Jesus away.

Without truth, we have no **ballast** □ we are tossed to and fro.

Without truth, the **loudest “voice” wins**.

Without truth, we are not **free**.

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“What is Truth?” vs. What am I currently believing?

Happiness	Love	My situation
Peace	My past	My marriage/singleness
Hope/Future	Identity	Other people

Sexuality

Money
Salvation

Current events

God's provision of truth:

in Person (Jesus), in writing (Bible), in the church (Elder-guarded)

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have **divine power** to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and **take every thought captive** to obey Christ ...