

Is There Absolute Truth?

Reality Check, Pt. 8

John 14:1-6, Romans 2:14-16, Romans 1:19-22

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1 John 3:18, Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Ephesians 6:14, Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

Why Do We Need to Talk About Truth?

- **Satan Is a LIAR**

John 8:44, You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

2 Corinthians 11:14, And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

- **Our Hearts Will DECEIVE US**

Jeremiah 17:9, The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? **10** "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."

Proverbs 4:23, Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

- **Culture Will CORRUPT US**

Romans 1:19, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.

20 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. **21** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools

Colossians 2:8, See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

- **Our Friends IMPACT US**

Proverbs 13:20, Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm.

1 Corinthians 15:33, Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

Where Do We Find Real Truth?

- **God's CREATION**

Psalms 19:1, The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. **2** Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

- **Our CONSCIENCE**

Romans 2:14, Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. **15** They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes

accusing them and at other times even defending them.

- **God's WORD**

John 17:15, My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one... **17** Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

- **God's CHURCH**

Ephesians 4:11, So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, **12** to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up... **14** Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

- **God's SON**

John 1:1, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... **14** The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Why is Truth So Important?

- **Truth Frees Us Up to ENJOY LIFE**

John 8:31, To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **32** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

- **Truth Brings Us SALVATION**

1 Timothy 2:3, This is good, and pleases God our Savior, **4** who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. **5** For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, **6** who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time.

John 14:5, Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?" **6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 6:47, Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.