

## Disciples of Truth John 8:31-36

### I. TRUTH IS KNOWN THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP

THE KEY: “*continue in My word*” Abide! Constant!

A settled determination to live in and by the Word of Christ!

THE RESULT: “*you will know the truth*”

“the truth” – Christ is referring to a single particular absolute truth found only in Him.

#### TRUTH DEFINED

**Observed** – objective; factual correctness; scientifically proven; empirically observed;  
Problem: Limited by man’s capacity and to the created observable realm of existence.

**Non-Observed**: - what is true in the unseen realm; philosophical; speculation;  
Problem: May never be proven with certainty; always based on conjecture and speculation;

**Ultimate** - what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man; moral and religious truth; respecting God and the execution of his purposes through Christ;  
Problem: Requires faith; absolute; exclusive

#### TRUTH IN THE OT

Refers to God as the only true God and his characteristics & qualities

Isaiah 65:16 – the “God of Truth” The meaning of “truth” is derived from God!  
God is the standard and example. Apart from God, ultimate truth cannot be known.

#### TRUTH IN THE NT

Affirms the OT: God is a God of truth! Rom 15:8

Associates God’s Truth with Christ Jesus – “the truth is in Jesus” Eph 4:21

Associates truth with the acts of Jesus: Gospel – Eph 1:13 John 1:14

Associates Jesus with the source of truth for man. John 1:17 John 18:37

Truth is embodied in Jesus Christ. Jesus answered, “I am the...*truth*” John 14:6

Truth is no longer a concept. It is now a person – Jesus.

Associates Truth with the Holy Spirit - John 16:13

Admonishes man to “put on” that truth – Eph 6:14

### II. TRUTH IS MAN’S ONLY SOURCE OF ULTIMATE FREEDOM

“and the truth will make you free.” Jn 8:32

Belief in the absolute truth of God as revealed in Jesus Christ will bring freedom from guilt and sin and provide knowledge of and fellowship with God – Eternally!

God’s truth revealed in Christ answers man’s two primary questions regarding life and truth: **CERTAINTY & SECURITY** John 3:16

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31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” 33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’” 34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. 35 “The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Eph 1:13 “when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation”

John 1:14 “We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:17 “grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.”

John 18:37 “For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”

John 14:6 “I am the way and the *truth* and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me”

John 16:13 “But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;”

Eph 6:14 “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist”

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.