

## The Biblical Concept of Truth

### Introduction

- A. When your child is ill, your business is failing, a trusted friend becomes fanatical, you have a deep-seated difference with your wife, or when you try to look beyond a serious operation into the future, then – you want to know the truth.
- B. Truth, as a correspondence with reality, is a most important possession. Without it we would not have had men on the moon, there would be no penicillin, communication would be impossible, right and wrong would be meaningless and hope would be an empty desire.
- C. Jesus Christ said, "I am the Truth." John 14:6 The Christian understands that Truth has to do with the Person of Jesus Christ and with His work.

### I. Truth is Characterized by Permanence.

For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His Truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:5

### II. In Spiritual Areas, Truth and Grace are Inseparable, and Both Find their Source in Jesus Christ.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.  
John 1:14

### III. Truth is a Necessity for Correct Worship.

God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in Truth. John 4:24

### IV. Truth will Make a Person Free.

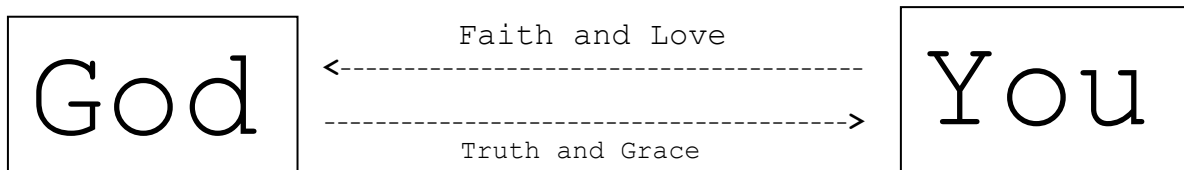
And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free. John 6:32

### V. The Scripture is a Statement of Truth and will bring Sanctification to the Believer.

Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth. John 17:17

### VI. The Practice of Truth is One of the Goals of the Holy Spirit.

For the Fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and Truth.  
Ephesians 5:9



VII. Truth, when Practiced, becomes a Defensive Armor.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with Truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness. Ephesians 6:14.

VIII. The Belief of the Truth is a Condition of Salvation.

But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth. I Thess. 2:13

IX. The Practice of Truth is a Necessity for Spiritual Well-Being.

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the Truth. II Tim. 2:25

X. The Practice of the Truth Results in a Cleansing of the Soul.

Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the Truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. I Peter 1:22

XI. The Practice of the Truth is Characterized by Fellowship with God and Daily Holiness.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth. I John 1:6

Conclusion

A. Our natural tendency is to reject, distort and suppress the Truth.

The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold (down) the Truth in unrighteousness. Romans 1:18

B. We must choose to respond to God and His Revelation as the Psalmist.

I have chosen the way of Truth .... Psalm 119:30

1. The word "choose" reminds us that faith is a decision. God expects us to make such choices on the basis of His Word.

2. When we make a decision of faith to practice the Truth – then God's grace flows into our lives.

But God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. Romans 6:17,18

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