

truth

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why was Jesus born?

Why did he come to the world?

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and
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**to bear witness (testify) to the
truth.**

Everyone who is **of the truth** listens to
my voice.” John 18:37

John 18:33 So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” **34** Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” **35** Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”

36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” **37** Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king.

For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” 38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; **grace and truth** came through Jesus Christ.

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

John 17:17 **Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.**

John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must **worship in spirit and truth.**”

John 8:32 and you will **know the truth,** and the **truth will set you free.**”

John 16:13 When the **Spirit of truth comes**, he will guide you **into all the truth**, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

what is truth?

Hebrew word for truth:

Emet

Spirit of Truth – Ruach HaEmet

truth is a person not a subject

truth involves

- the formation of the character of a person
 - the restoration of the world especially in relation to God
- the nature of truth becomes grounded in the moments of decision encountered in one's life!
 - truth is about doing not being...

how do we respond to truth

2 Tim 4:3-4 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will **turn away from listening to the truth** and wander off into myths.

Rom 2:8 but for those who are **self-seeking and do not obey the truth**, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

Acts 20:30 Even from your own number men will arise and **distort the truth** in order to draw away disciples after them.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness **suppress the truth.**

Rom 1:25 because they **exchanged the truth about God for a lie** and worshiped and served the **creature** rather than the **Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen

Jesus said:
“everyone on the **side of truth** listen to me”

Spirit of truth

Truth (Reality)



vs

Spirit of falsehood

lie (illusion)

COSMIC BATTLE



We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us;
but whoever is not from God does not listen to us.

This is how we recognize the

Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

1 John 4:6

two fathers

John 8:39 They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

THE COSMIC BATTLE

1 John 3:10 This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

TRUTH

Father God

freedom

authority

LIES

Father of lies – Satan

bondage

rebellion

sin deceive

- Rom 7:11 “sin...deceived me”
- 2 Thess 2:10 “every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing”
- Eph 4:22 “to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,”
- Heb 3:13 “that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

how do we overcome

Rom 12:1-2 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

John 8:32 and you will **know the truth,**
and the **truth will set you free.**”

Heb 6:1 Faith in God and repentance...

captives

2 Tim 2:24 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, **able to teach, not resentful.**

25 Those who oppose him he must **gently instruct**, in the hope that God will grant them **repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,**

26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them **captive** to do his will.

dealing with outsiders

Col 4:5 Be **wise** in the way you act toward **outsiders**; make the most of every opportunity.

6 Let your conversation be always **full of grace, seasoned with salt**, so that you may know how to answer everyone