

## Have You Chosen The Way Of Truth?

### I. Introduction:

A. Very often people look for their own truth rather than THE truth (**Romans 10:1-3**).

1. Our own way of righteousness is unprofitable (**Isaiah 57:1-12**).
2. Trusting in the acceptable norm is not truth either (**John 7:25-53**).

B. God has long required everyone give up their way, before choosing His way (**Isaiah 55:1-9**).

1. Conversion requires changing in thoughts and in deeds (**Jeremiah 4:14** and **Acts 26:18-20**).
2. A good man walks in the Lord's ways (**Psalms 37:23**).

### II. Body: **Psalms 119:30**

A. The choice of truth requires one identify what is truth (**John 18:28-40**).

1. Truth is synonymous with the law of God (**Psalms 119:142**).
2. Truth is synonymous with the commandments of the Lord (**Psalms 119:151**).
3. Truth is synonymous with the Gospel (**Colossians 1:5**).
4. Truth is synonymous with the word of God (**I Thessalonians 2:13**).
5. Truth is synonymous with certainty (**Proverbs 22:21**), with assurance (**Acts 2:36** and **II Timothy 3:14**); for we are expected to test all things before holding to them (**I Thessalonians 5:21**; cf. **Romans 14:23**).

B. Truth is not subject to anyone's likes or dislikes (**John 6:60-69**).

1. Like it or not, there is a God that we'll answer to (**Romans 1:18-20**).
2. Like it or not, God's truth isn't going anywhere (**Psalms 119:151-152** and **I Peter 1:13-25**).
3. Disregarding the truth will not change it (**Romans 3:1-4** and **II Timothy 2:13**).
4. Therefore, we need to study it, rightly understand it, and properly deduce/reason what/how it applies to us today and live it (**II Timothy 2:14-18** and **Luke 4:4**).

C. Let's think about a FEW things in how ways other than truth are often chosen:

1. Those whom have established human traditions in the name of God (**Mark 7:1-13**).
  - a. Today, this would be those who have made the Lord's body a social club focused on the carnal man rather than the spiritual. How does that work out for good (**Romans 8:5-8**)?
  - b. Today, this would be those who have emphasized keeping one instruction of God above another (**James 2:10**).

2. Those whom have taken the Law of Moses and have ignorantly applied it as the law of today to create their own doctrines (**Colossians 2:4-23**; cf. **Galatians 5:4**).
3. Those who have created organizations, institutions not authorized by God (**Revelation 22:18-19**).
  - a. God authorized the organization of the family; household (**Genesis 2:18-25** and **Colossians 3:18-4:1**).
  - b. God authorized the organization of civil government (**Romans 13:1-7** and **I Peter 2:13-17**).
  - c. God authorized the organization of the local congregation (**Acts 14:23**, **Acts 14:27**, **Acts 15:1-41**, **Acts 16:5**, and **I Timothy 3:1-15**).
4. Those who have created methods of evangelism in addition to the Scriptural methods of teaching the word of God (**Romans 1:14-17** and **Titus 1:3**) and living as godly examples (**Matthew 5:14-16**, **Titus 2:7-8**, and **I Peter 3:1-4**).

III. Conclusion: Make the right choice and unwaveringly live that choice (**Joshua 24:14-15**, **I John 2:3-6**, and **II John 1:4**).

- Can you, just properly handling the word of God, prove all that you're doing and/or not doing is approved in HIS sight rather than in the sight of you or any other human being (**Ephesians 5:6-10**)?
- If you cannot, that says a lot (**Isaiah 8:20**)!
- Let's show God that we are not like the rest of humanity (**Ecclesiastes 7:29**; cf. **Proverbs 19:21**).