

The Word Of God Is Not A Truth Or A Standard

I. Introduction:

A. Pilate asked: "What is truth" (**John 18:38**)?

1. The reason he asked that question is because of what Jesus had just said to him (**John 18:33-37**).
2. Pilate, like most, is confused because the world typically thinks that there are various truths (i.e. **I Corinthians 8:5-6**).

B. Many who profess to be Christians would agree that God has told the truth (**Psalms 119:160**).

1. Even after David was told he could not build God's house, he praised the honesty of God (**II Samuel 7:18; 7:28**).
2. This is so because God cannot lie (**Numbers 23:19, I Samuel 15:29, and Hebrews 6:13-20**).
3. However, even knowing that, many want to believe their own thinking which is stupid (**Proverbs 16:25 and Jeremiah 10:23; cf. Proverbs 26:12**). "*Conceit*" = "*eyes; sight*"

II. Body: His Word Is Truth (**John 17:17**); THE Standard (**John 8:31-32**).

A. The word, the truth, the Gospel are THE SAME THING (**Ephesians 1:13 [cf. Acts 19:1-7]** and **Colossians 1:5-6**).

1. The word of truth, the power of God, THE Gospel (**Romans 1:14-16 and II Corinthians 6:7**).
2. It called is THE faith of THE Gospel (**Philippians 1:27**).

B. Yet, like the erring of the past, most will combine their own truth with God's truth as though there are multiple truths (**Hosea 8:2; 8:12-14, Galatians 1:6-9, II Timothy 3:1-9, and Titus 1:10-14**).

1. This makes the word of God of none effect (**Mark 7:6-13**).
2. It ignores that there is one system of faith (**Ephesians 4:5**).
3. The mindset of those who cannot hear it is from Satan (**John 8:43-45**).

C. The truth was revealed through preaching (**Titus 1:1-3**) and has to continue to be taught aright (**II Timothy 2:1-4**).

1. How it was/is handled matters (**II Corinthians 4:1-7 and II Peter 3:15-17**).
2. Reception matters (**I Thessalonians 2:13**). *First century application in the aforementioned was BEFORE Satan & angels was bound (**Revelation 20:1-2; cf. Jude 1:6**).
3. Rejection matters (**John 12:48-50 and II Thessalonians 2:10-12**).
4. Yet, like the erring of the past, most will combine their "own truth" with God's truth as though there are multiple truths (**Hosea 8:2; 8:12-14, Galatians 1:6-9, II Timothy 3:1-9, and Titus 1:10-14**).

D. What do you do with the proper, faithful teaching of God's word (**Ephesians 4:17-24**)?

1. Do you obtain it, value it, and keep it (**Proverbs 23:23**)?
2. Are you committed to the truth (**II Corinthians 13:8**)?
3. Will you stand unwaveringly for the truth for the sake of others (**Galatians 2:1-5; 2:11-14**)?
4. Are you continually obeying the truth (**Romans 2:4-8, Galatians 5:7-9, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, and Hebrews 5:8-9**)?

III. Conclusion: Does THE truth testify that you are faithful (**III John 1:1-3; 1:12**)?