

Truth

The Inner Testimony Of The Holy Spirit

We live in a world that struggles with the concept of absolute truth. Many ask, “If truth exists is it even knowable?” Christians are not immune to this struggle. Even when the issue of God’s existence and the authority of Scripture are settled, the interpretation of Scripture becomes a stumbling block. In the Garden there was no debate over the existence of God or that He had spoken but Satan’s attack was rooted in an interpretive question, “Did God actually say”.

So how do we know the truth of God’s word?

2Timothy 4:3 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**,

2Timothy 4:4 and will turn away from **listening to the truth** and **wander off** into myths.

Psalms 119:160 **The sum of your word is truth**, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

Psalms 119:105 **Your word is a lamp to my feet** and a **light to my path**.

Hebrews 4:12 For the **word of God is living and active**, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2Timothy 3:16 **All Scripture is breathed out by God** and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

“while we shall follow those who invite us to begin with believing what we cannot yet fully perceive, that, strengthened by this very faith, we may come into a position to know what we believe by the inward illumination and confirmation of our minds, due no longer to men, but to God Himself.”

Augustine

“The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined, and all decrees of councils, opinions of ancient writers, doctrines of men, and private spirits, are to be examined, and in whose sentence we are to rest, can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.” WCF 1.10

“Credibility of doctrine is not established until we are persuaded beyond doubt that God is its Author. Thus, the highest proof of Scripture derives in general from the fact that God in person speaks in it. ...If we desire to provide in the best way for our consciences — that they may not be perpetually beset by the instability of doubt or vacillation, and that they may not also boggle at the smallest quibbles — we ought to seek our conviction in a higher place than human reasons, judgments, or conjectures, that is, in the secret testimony of the Spirit...For as God alone is a fit witness of himself in his Word, so also the Word will not find acceptance in men’s hearts before it is sealed by the inward testimony of the Spirit.

John Calvin

1Corinthians 2:9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what **God has prepared for those who love him**” —

1Corinthians 2:10 these things **God has revealed to us through the Spirit**. For the Spirit searches everything, **even the depths of God**.

1Corinthians 2:11 **For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God**.

1Corinthians 2:12 Now **we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God**.

1Corinthians 2:13 And we impart this **in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual**.

1Corinthians 2:14 The **natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned**.

John 5:31 **If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true**.

John 5:32 **There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true.**

John 5:36 **But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me.**

John 5:37 **And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard,** his form you have never seen,

John 5:38 **and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent.**

John 5:39 **You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,**

John 8:12 **Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

John 8:13 **So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true."**

John 8:14 **Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.**

John 8:17 **In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true.**

John 8:18 **I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me."**

John 8:19 **They said to him therefore, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also."**

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

John 8:36 **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

John 8:47 **Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.**”

John 10:27 **My sheep hear my voice**, and I know them, and **they follow me**.

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

John 14:17 even the **Spirit of truth**, whom **the world cannot receive**, because it neither sees him nor knows him. **You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.**

John 15:26 “But when the **Helper comes**, whom I will send to you from the Father, **the Spirit of truth**, who proceeds from the Father, **he will bear witness about me.**

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.

John 16:14 He will glorify me, for **he will take what is mine and declare it to you.**

John 16:15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and **declare it to you.**

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

1John 2:26 I write these things to you about **those who are trying to deceive you.**

1John 2:27 But **the anointing that you received from him abides in you**, and **you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true**, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

1John 4:1 Beloved, **do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God**, for many **false prophets** have gone out into the world.

1John 5:9 If we receive the testimony of men, **the testimony of God is greater**, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.

1John 5:20 **And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true,** in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Matthew 17:5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”**

Matthew 23:10 Neither be called instructors, **for you have one instructor, the Christ.**

Acts 17:11 And the people of Berea were more **open-minded** than those in Thessalonica, and they **listened eagerly** to Paul’s message. **They searched the Scriptures** day after day to see if Paul and Silas were **teaching the truth.**

2Corinthians 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

2Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have **divine power to destroy strongholds.**

2Corinthians 10:5 **We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,**

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by **the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

I am accepted in Christ...

Romans 15:7	I am accepted by God.
John 1:12	I am God's child.
John 15:15	I am Christ's friend.
Romans 5:1	I have been justified.
1 Corinthians 6:17	I am united with the Lord and One with Him in Spirit.
1 Corinthians 6:20	I have been bought with a price; I belong to God.
1 Corinthians 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body.
Ephesians 1:1	I am a saint.
Ephesians 1:5	I have been adopted as God's child.
Ephesians 2:18	I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.
Colossians 1:14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.
Colossians 2:10	I am complete in Christ.

Psalms 18:19 He brought me out into a broad place; **he rescued me, because he delighted in me.**

“What is truth?”

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