

Attributes of God (Truth)

What is truth? Many ask this very question today. However, this question has been on the minds of humans from antiquity. Pilate contemplated that same question to Jesus “what is truth?” (John 18:28-40)

- Truth is reality and fact as given by God.
- God is truth and He is the source of truth. God is truth so everything He says or does is truth.
- Truth cannot be found outside of God.
- Truth is from God and God alone. God is the source of truth as this can not come from man.
 - **Romans 3:4** May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, as it is written,

Truth is triune

God is truth. He is a triune God; therefore, all three divine persons of the Trinity are truth. The Father of truth sends the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of Truth to testify about Jesus who is the way, truth, and the life. When you see Jesus, the eternal Word who is the way, the truth, and the life, you see the Father since Jesus is the eternal logos who is exegesato (exegeting) the Father.

- **The Father is truth:**
 - **Isaiah 65:16** “Because he who ^[a]is blessed in the earth Will ^[b]be blessed by the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight!
 - **Exodus 34:6** Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and ^[a]truth;
 - **Psalms 31:5** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord, God of ^[a]truth.
- **Jesus is truth (we know the Father is truth because Jesus is truth, and He is exegeting the Father):**
 - **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and ^[a]dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of ^[b]the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - **John 1:17** For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth ^[a]were realized through Jesus Christ.
 - **Ephesians 4:20-21** But you did not learn ^[a]Christ in this way, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus,
 - **John 18:37** Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”
- **The Holy Spirit is truth:**
 - **John 14:16-17** I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^[a]Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.
 - **John 15:26** “When the ^[a]Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,
 - **John 16:13-14** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.
 - **1 John 5:6** This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not ^[a]with the water only, but ^[b]with the water and ^[c]with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

The devil is the opposite of the truth.

- **John 8:44-45** You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks ^[b]a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of ^[c]lies. ⁴⁵But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

God can not lie

- **Titus 1:1-3** Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, ^[a]for the faith of those chosen of God and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, ²in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised ^[b]long ages ago, ³but at the proper time manifested, *even* His word, in the proclamation with which I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Savior,

- **Heb 6:18** so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have ^[a]taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.
- **Numbers 23:19** "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

God's word is truth

- **John 17:17** Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.
- **Psalms 119:160** The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.
- **Psalms 138:2** I will bow down toward Your holy temple And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your ^[a]truth; For You have magnified Your ^[b]word ^[c]according to all Your name.
- **1 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

The Gospel is truth

God's gospel and message for salvation is truth. It does not change or vary from Jew to Gentile, continent to continent, generation to generation, male and female, rich and poor, etc. No one can ever be saved without the truth, the truth sets you free.

- **John 8:31-32** So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
- **Ephesians 1:13** In ^[a]Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also ^[b]believed, you were sealed in ^[c]Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
- **Colossians 1:4-6** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have ^[a]for all the ^[b]saints; ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in ^[c]heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, ^[d]the gospel ⁶ which has come to you, just as ^[e]in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and ^[f]increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard of *it* and ^[g]understood the grace of God in truth;
- **2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Truth is everlasting, unchanging, and immutable as God is truth and He is immutable

- **Psalms 117:1-2** Praise the Lord, all nations; Laud Him, all peoples!² For His lovingkindness ^[a]is great toward us, And the ^[b]truth of the Lord is everlasting. ^[c]Praise ^[d]the Lord!
- **1 Peter 1:24-25** For, "All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off, ²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever." And this is the word which was ^[a]preached to you.

We are to defend the truth, uphold the truth, and stand for the truth.

- **1 Timothy 3:15** but ^[a]in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how ^[b]one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
- **Galatians 2:4-5** But *it was* because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. ⁵ But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.
- **Ephesians 6:13-14** Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Truth is light and there is no greater Light than that of the Source of all truth as we in eternity will dwell in the illumination of the light of the glory of the God of truth! **John 14:6** Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

The truth of God is offensive to the unregenerate person. Truth is not fluid or open to debate. Truth is final, immutable, and unchanging. Truth is not dependent on our feelings. Truth is truth. We do not change the truth to accommodate our traditions, feelings, or wants, but are to submit ourselves to the truth as declared by the Sovereign God.

What is truth? God