

## **ABSOLUTE TRUTH**

**Request:** “How do we minister to Christians who say that they do not believe in absolute truth?”

Start by asking if they absolutely believe this statement? It may end the conversation.

However, in the **last decade**, there has been a steady decline in belief in absolute moral truth among Christians in America. “Only 44% of born again adults and 9% of born again teens believe in absolute moral truths. However, 70% of born again evangelicals believe in absolute moral truth.”(Los Angeles Times, Barna Research, 9/17/02)

This is a sign of a declining client nation. It was true with first century Israel. In our lesson text, the Pharisees were struggling with absolute truth regarding the person and claims of Jesus Christ “Who are you really?” (John 8:25).

We are becoming a postmodern society moving away from absolute truth based on biblical morality towards situational ethics, relativism, feel good syndrome, and amorality.

**This lesson will study four aspects of our ministry of Absolute Truth to both the world and the Church.  
Our ministry is to present Absolute Truth and not make people believe it.**

### **1. In our lesson text, positive volition of the Jews was directed towards absolute truth regarding Jesus Christ.**

It was based on believing that God was the absolute standard of truth and that the Son of God would be the exact representative of His Father.

“But He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.” (Jn.8:26b)  
“As he spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.” (Jn.8:30)

“And He (God’s Son) is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.” (Heb.1:3a)

Omniscience	Sovereignty
Omnipresent	Righteousness
Omnipotent	Eternal Life
<b>Veracity</b>	Love
<b>Immutable</b>	Holy

**Veracity:** “It is impossible for to lie.” (Heb.6:18; Jn.17:3; 1 Thess.1:9)

**Immutable:** “Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow.” (James 1:17; Heb.13:8)

All three members of the Godhead are the same in essence but different in person and function in the plan of God (Jn.14:17; 15:26; 16:13; 1 Jn.4:4-6; 5:7).

Therefore Jesus Christ is the embodiment and manifestation of the truth of God:

“And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of **grace and truth**.” (John 1:14) “For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth** were realized through Jesus Christ.” (Jn.1:17)

## 2. **Absolute truth is the foundation doctrine of the Church of Jesus Christ and Christianity.**

Notice that the Jews who believed the truth regarding Jesus Christ became His disciples. Notice what these disciples were told by Jesus:

“If you abide in My word, then you are **truly** disciples of Mine; and you shall know the **truth, and the truth** shall make you free.” (Jn.8:31-32).

**Absolute truth** is one of the great doctrines of the Gospel of John (Jn.1:14-18; 4:23-24; 8:31-32, 40-47; 14:6; 16:13-15; 17:3, 19; 18:37-38).

## 3. **Because the word of God (Bible) is based on the veracity and immutability of God, it is the source of absolute truth for life.**

“The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting.”  
(Ps.119:160; Ps.31:5)

The **gospel** is absolute truth for the unbeliever and **categorical bible doctrine** is absolute truth for the believer. “Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of **the truth, the gospel**, which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been in you also since the day you heard of it and understood **the grace of God in truth.**” (Col.1:5-6; Eph.1:13; Gal.2:5, 14-16; 1 Tim.2:3-5; 2 Thess.2:10-13)

“But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him **and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus**, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”  
(Eph.4:20-24; 2 Cor.11:10; 13:5-8; 1 Pet.1:22; 2 Pet.1:12)

Hearing the truth and not believing is a sign of negative volition towards absolute truth (Jn.8:27) while hearing and believing is a sign of positive volition towards it (Jn.8:30).

“That the Christ was to suffer, and that by reason of His resurrection from the dead He should be the first to proclaim light both to the Jewish people and to the Gentiles. And while Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, ‘Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad.’ But Paul said, ‘I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, **but I utter words of sober truth.**” (Acts 26:23-25)

## 4. **The world argues that since the world is always changing, life and truth are always changing with it.**

Life changes like seasons or generations but not the reality of truth attached to it – “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven. A time to give birth and a time to die. A time to plant, and a time to uproot what is planted.” (Eccl.3:1-2)

Beliefs may change but not the reality of truth. You may believe that could fly like superman with a cape but the law of gravity will teach the reality of truth.

Beliefs may change about God but God does not change. He is immutable. Beliefs may change about moral behavior but it does not change the reality of truth about sin.

“You have sinned against the Lord, and **be sure your sin will find you out.**” (Num.32:23b)

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