



Part 2: "The truth about truth"

"We love the truth when it enlightens us, but we hate it when it convicts us."

Augustine

Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" John 18:38

Truth:

The Scriptures on truth:

- Jesus said the truth will _____.
- Jesus was full of grace & _____. Grace & _____ came through Jesus.
- Jesus is the _____.
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of _____.
- God's Word is _____ & we are _____ by it.
- The ungodly suppress the _____ & exchange the truth for a _____.
- Believers should _____ in the truth.
- We should never _____.
- We should _____ the truth.
- The wicked do not _____ the truth.
- False spiritual teachers _____ the truth.

Truths about truth:

- All truth claims are _____, _____, & _____ & therefore _____ their opposites.
- Truth is _____, not _____.
- Truth is _____.
- Truth is _____ even though our _____ about truth change.
- Beliefs cannot _____ a fact, no matter how _____ it is held.
- Truth is not affected by the _____ of the one professing it.
- Truths that appear to be relative are really _____.

1. Contrary _____ are possible but contrary _____ are not possible.

- While most religions have some beliefs that are true, not all religious beliefs can be true because they are _____.
- A _____ statement is one that fails to meet its own standard.

2. We can _____ everything is true, but we cannot _____ everything true.

3. Ideas have _____.

- False ideas about _____ lead to false ideas about _____.
- If _____ is true, then it's dangerous to your eternal destiny not to be a Christian. Likewise, if _____ is true, then it's dangerous to your eternal destiny not to be a Muslim.

C.S. Lewis: "In a sort of ghastly simplicity we remove the organ and demand the function. We make men without chests and expect of them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst. We castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful."

4. Can truth and tolerance co-exist?

Tolerance (historically):

Tolerance (modern):

5. What is intellectual/religious pluralism?

- A belief that _____ beliefs about truth are _____ true.
- Pluralists think all non-pluralist beliefs are _____. So pluralists are just as _____ & _____ as those who believe in _____.
- The Bible commands us to _____ religious beliefs.