

The Bible's Authority on Truth

And Why It Matters

“For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar ...”

– Rom 3:3-4

1. Who is your final authority?

- a. Only the deceived will say someone other than God – 2 Tim 3:12-14
 - i. Only the disdainful (arrogant) will say “me”
- b. The delusional deny truth altogether ... what is truth? – Jn 18:38, 2 Th 2:11-12
- c. God is true ... but every man a liar – Rom 3:3-4
 - i. “I believe what the Bible says” – a sincere Christian

2. Who is God?

- a. By faith we know He made heaven & earth – Gen 1:1, Ps 33:6, Heb 11:3, Jn 1:1-3, Job 38
 - i. Faith by hearing God’s word – Rom 10:17
- b. Science cannot answer – 1 Tim 6:20-21
- c. Men are without excuse – Rom 1:18-22
- d. Trusting God is better than trusting man – Ps 118:8

3. Our faith in God’s word, the Bible, the truth

- a. God spoke to men – Heb 1:1
- b. Men wrote, spoke and preached God’s words – Jer 36:2, Acts 1:16, 2 Pt 1:19-21
- c. God preserves His words – Ps 12:6-7, 119:89, Isa 40:8
- d. We trust God’s words, and His word works – 2 Tim 3:15-17, 1 Thess 2:13

4. The fulfilled word fully persuades

- a. The sure word = our full persuasion – Rom 4:20-22, 2 Tim 1:10-13
- b. Paul writes the commandments of the Lord – 1 Cor 14:37, 2 Tim 2:7
- c. Paul’s epistles also scripture – 2 Pt 3:15-16
 - i. The word of God fulfilled – Col 1:25-28, Eph 3:8-10, Titus 1:2-3

5. It matters for our salvation (what gospel/faith?)

- a. Paul’s gospel from Christ – Gal 1:11-12, Rom 16:25-26, Rom 2:16
- b. According to the scriptures – 1 Cor 15:1-4
- c. Believing and trusting what you hear = salvation – Rom 3:21-24, Eph 1:13, 2:8-9