

Sunday Morning in the Word



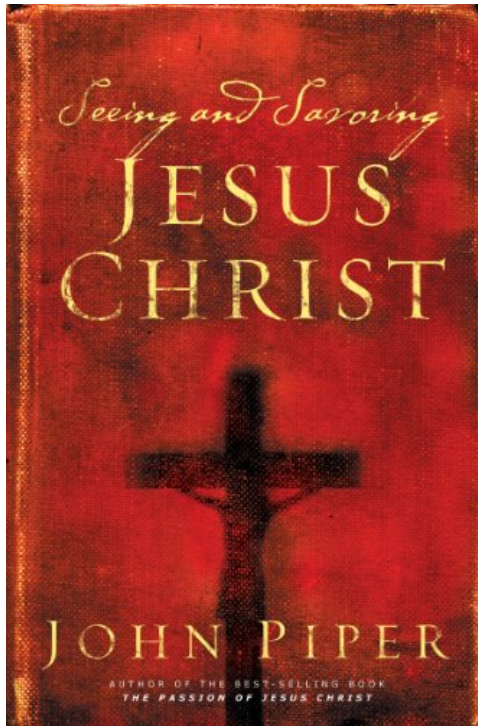
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Through September 2nd



“I invite you to join me in this serious quest for well-founded, everlasting, love-producing joy. Everything is at stake. **There is no more important issue in life than seeing Jesus for who he really is and savoring what we see above all else.**” (John Piper)



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Is truth totally subjective and therefore up to us to create?

Or is there an objective absolute truth that exists independent of us and is there for us to discover?

What is truth?

John 18:37–38a

Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and **for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to THE TRUTH.** Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” 38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

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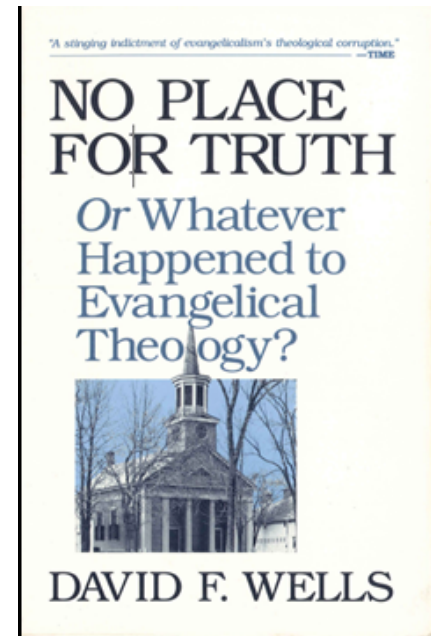
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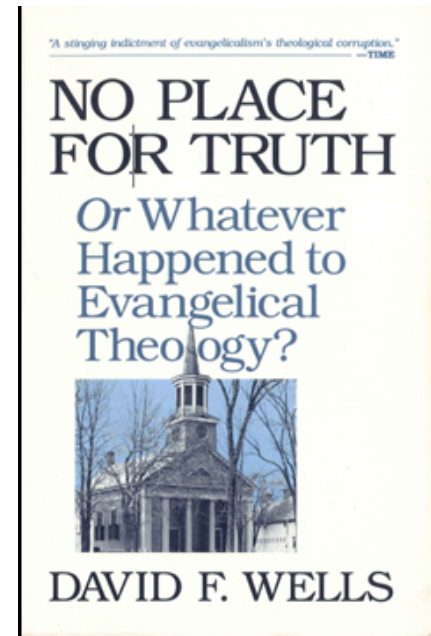
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John 14:6

I am the way, **THE TRUTH**, and the Life . . .

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John 17:17

Sanctify them by the truth; **your word is truth.**

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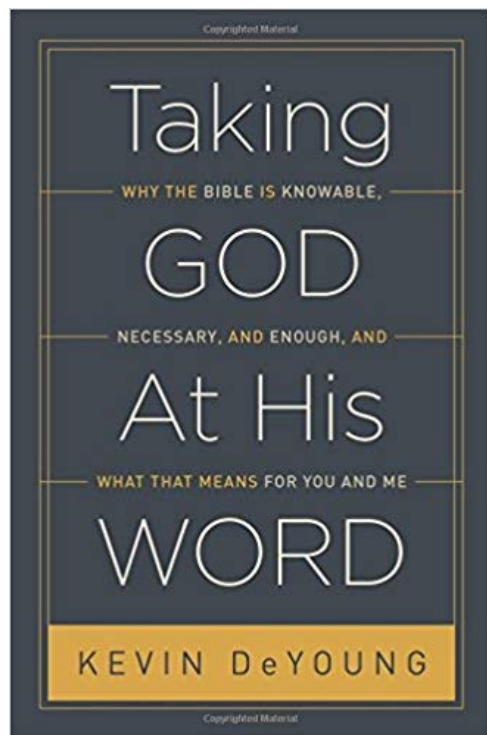
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Theologians have a word to describe
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This word is used to describe the
fact that the Bible can be clearly
understood.





“The doctrine of the clarity of Scripture is not a wild assertion that the meaning of every verse in the Bible will be patently obvious to everyone. Rather, the perspicuity of Scripture upholds the notion that **ordinary people using ordinary means can accurately understand enough of what must be known, believed, and observed for them to be faithful Christians.**”

(Kevin DeYoung)

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Amplified Bible - “If you **abide in** My word [**continually obeying** My teachings and **living in accordance with them** ...”

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If we want to **KNOW** Christ's truth,
we **MUST** (this is not an option)
continue in it and live it out every
single day! This means the Bible
needs to become one of our best
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Romans 3:23

For **ALL have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.

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John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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James 3:14 - to *deny the truth*

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Hebrews 9:27

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment . . .



Mark 1:15

Repent and believe in the gospel.

“So let us not weaken in our commitment to our unbreakable Bible. Let us not wander from this divinely exhaled truth. Let us not waver in our delight and desire. God has spoken, and through that revelation he still speaks. Ultimately we can believe the Bible because we believe in the power and wisdom and goodness and truthfulness of the God whose authority and veracity cannot be separated from the Bible. We trust the Bible because it is God’s Bible. And God being God, we have every reason to take him at his word.”



**Kevin
DeYoung**

God's word on His Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.