

The Standard for Truth is Jesus Christ

Titus 1:1-4

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— Titus 1:1

a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, Titus 1:2-3

To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. Titus 1:4

There is a temptation for the modern church to dilute the gospel to adjust to c_____.
The Church's primary mission is to spread abroad the truth about Jesus Christ.

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ Titus 1:1a

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Proverbs 14:12 | Proverbs 16:25

Being a Christian means that you have an absolute source of t_____.
It is not a feeling. It is not a popular vote. It is the person of Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."
John 18:37

Jesus told us the truth about G_____.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

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"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'"
Matthew 19:4 | Genesis 1:27

Jesus told us the truth about m_____.

Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Luke 13:2-3

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

*Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. **John 19:33-34***

Jesus told us the truth about H_____.

*"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" **John 8:58***

*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. **John 14:9***

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." **Luke 19:10***

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." **John 14:6***

Jesus told us the truth about the Bible.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35 | Mark 13:31 | Luke 21:33

*Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. **John 17:17***

Jesus told us the truth about j_____.

*"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out—those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. **John 5:28-29***

**Jesus did not just claim to speak the truth.
He proved it by coming back from the grave.**

Jesus proved that His Word is truth.

*For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. **Matthew 12:40***

God commands all people to r_____.

*[God] commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." **Acts 17:30-31***

What makes Christianity distinct from all others

*The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. **Matthew 28:5-6***

*Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ **Titus 1:1a***

The important connection between believing in truth and a meaningful life.

1. Truth provides a p_____ for our lives.

Truth improves our character.

knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— Titus 1:1b

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

2 Peter 1:5-7

a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, Titus 1:2

2. God's truth provides h_____ for our future.

**The truth of Jesus Christ provides hope and eternal life,
even when your rope breaks and you are falling.**

for though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again, but the wicked are brought down by calamity. Proverbs 24:16

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

To Titus, my true son in our common faith: Titus 1:4a

3. God's truth deepens our r_____.

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. Titus 1:4b

4. God's truth enhances our personality.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:4-5

5. The world desperately needs the truth, our r_____ is to share it as it is.

and at his appointed season he brought his word to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior, Titus 1:3

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! Galatians 1:8

See that what you have heard from the beginning remains in you. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 1 John 2:24

Two reasons why churches d_____ the message

- Because of their human pride
- They think it will enhance their appeal.

**When the gospel is shared in its purity, it has awesome power.
A diluted message actually, loses its appeal.**

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land— not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 8:11

Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. Amos 8:12

Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers. 1 Timothy 4:16

A person's message is always heard in context with their c_____.

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