

GOD'S ABSOLUTE TRUTH VS. SATAN'S RELATIVE "TRUTH"

God gave Adam and Eve one command in the Garden of Eden. There was one tree that "you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will certainly die." Satan questioned God's word, deceived them, and said, "You shall not die." (Gen. 3:1-4) God's truth was absolute in the garden; Satan's so called "truth" was a lie in the garden. God's command in the garden was understandable, objective, and neither the Devil's questions nor our parent's subjective feelings could change it.

The popular view today is that truth is relative. This notion is nothing more than the old lie Satan told in the Garden changed, dressed up, and presented as modern truth. However, it is nothing more than denying God's word. How many times have you heard something like these: (1) "Truth is not absolute." (2) "All truth is relative." (3) "Truth, well it just depends." (4) "Your truth is not my truth." (5) "Truth depends on the situation." and (6) "It is true for you, but not for me." All lies! Isaiah is describing people today where "truth has fallen in the streets." (Isa. 59:14)

The Bible and Christianity are built on the foundation that truth is absolute and objective. Absolute truth is true for all people, for all times, and in all places. Satan's lie that truth is relative and subjective presents a formidable challenge to the Lord's Church. However, God's people of all times are encouraged to "buy the truth and sell it not." (Prov. 23:23) What God declares as truth, many people question and deny. The following truths do not depend upon our background, our subjective feelings, nor our culture:

- God is truth. Deut. 32:4
- Jesus is truth. Jn 14:6
- Holy Spirit is truth. Jn. 16:13
- Bible is truth. Jn.17:17

- Church supports truth. 2 Tim.
- We speak truth in love. Eph. 4:15
- Obey the truth. Rom. 2:8
- Grow in truth. 2 Pet. 3:18

The following chart contrasts God's absolute truth with man's (Satan's) relative truth. Be not deceived!

| GOD'S ABSOLUTE TRUTH | MAN'S RELATIVE TRUTH – SATAN'S LIES |
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| Truth is given by God. 2 Tim. 3:16,17 | LIE – Truth is created by man. |
| God's truth doesn't change. Mal. 3:6 | LIE – Truth changes. |
| God's truth is objective. Rom. 1:25 | LIE – Truth is subjective. |
| God's truth is universal. Acts 10:34,35 | LIE – Truth is individual. |
| God's truth does not contradict. Rom 9:1 | LIE – Truth can be contradictory. |
| God's truth can be known. Jn. 8:32 | LIE – Truth cannot be known. |
| God's truth corresponds to reality Deut. 13:14 | LIE -- Truth is whatever you make it. |
| God's truth produces unity. Eph. 4:14,15 | LIE – Truth is divisive. |
| God's truth is not a lie. Titus 1:2 | Lie – Truth can be false. |

Look around and see what is going on in America. People have abandoned God's truth. Relativism is seen in our news, our education, our movies and TV, our lack of morals, our politics, and many churches. We are reaping what we have sown. Consider the following chart that shows the result of denying God's absolute truth.

FRUIT OF REJECTING GOD'S ABSOLUTE WORD

- A world without God – Psa. 14:1
- A world where God is dethroned, and man is enthroned. -- Rom. 1:23
- A world without creation – Gen 1 (Everything has evolved)
- A world without rules – Ex. 20
- A world without right and wrong – Judges 21:25
- A world without sin (everything is permitted) – Exodus 23:2
- A world without self-control – Acts 24:25
- A world that tolerates everything but the truth. -- Jn. 7:7
- A world without accountability – 2 Thess. 1:8
- A world where “they have changed the truth of God into a lie” -- Rom 1: 25

Jesus is before Pilate and Pilate asks him the question that is ageless, “What is truth?” (Jn. 18:38) The embodiment of truth was standing before Pilate, and he was blind to it. Every person needs to ask this same question today. Do you really want to know the answer to this question? Are you going to listen to God’s word or Satan’s lies? As our society becomes more “enlightened”, we are slipping farther away from the truth. Our prayer is that you will hear the truth of the Gospel, believe the truth, and “be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.” (Colossians 1:9, 10)

On August 28th we had corresponding lessons on this topic. Check our website for sermons titled “Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire (2 Samuel 6:1-8)” from the AM service and “Liar, Liar, Oops...My Pants are on Fire (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)” from the PM service. Also, you can find our worship services on our Facebook page.