

# Truth

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## Introduction

*Romans 1:18-19 ... 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the \*truth in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. (NASB95)*

The Greek word ἀλήθεια [alētheia], occurring 110x in the NT, which primarily means “hiding nothing,” refers to “(1) the quality of being in accord with what is true, truthfulness, dependability, uprightness in thought and deed; (2) the content of what is true, truth (opposed to ψεῦδος, i.e. a lie, falsehood); (3) an actual event or state, reality” [BDAG].

Strong/Thayer say it refers “(1) objectively; (a) what is true in any matter under consideration; (b) what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth; (c) the truth as taught in the Christian religion, respecting God and the execution of his purposes through Christ, and respecting the duties of man, opposing alike to the superstitions of the Gentiles and the inventions of the Jews, and the corrupt opinions and precepts of false teachers even among Christians; (2) subjectively; truth as a personal excellence; that candour of mind which is free from affection, pretence, simulation, falsehood, deceit.”

## God’s Relationship to the Truth

### *The Father*

The Lord God is a God of truth (Exod. 34:6; Ps. 31:5; Isa. 65:15-16).

*Exodus 34:6 ... 6 Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; (NASB95)*

*Psalms 31:5 ... 5 Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord, God of truth. (NASB95)*

*Isaiah 65:15-16 ... 15 “You will leave your name for a curse to My chosen ones, And the Lord God will slay you. But My servants will be called by another name. 16 “Because he who is blessed in the earth Will be blessed by the God of truth; And he who swears in the earth Will swear by the God of truth; Because the former troubles are forgotten, And because they are hidden from My sight! (NASB95)*

## **The Son**

Jesus Christ is the incarnation of truth (John 1:14-18; 14:6; 18:37).

*John 1:14-18 ... 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John testified about Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' " 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained Him. (NASB95)*

*John 14:6 ... 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. (NASB95)*

*John 18:37 ... 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (NASB95)*

## **Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth (John 14:16-17; 15:26-27; 16:12-13).

*John 14:16-17 ... 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. (NASB95)*

*John 15:26-27 ... 26 "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, 27 and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. (NASB95)*

*John 16:12-13 ... 12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. (NASB95)*

## **Word**

God's Word is the revelation of truth (Psalm 119:142, 160; John 17:17).

*Psalm 119:142 ... 142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, And Your law is truth. (NASB95)*

*Psalm 119:160 ... 160 The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting. (NASB95)*

*John 17:17 ... 17 “Sanctify them in the **truth**; Your word is **truth**. (NASB95)*

## **Church**

The church is the pillar and support of the truth (Zech. 8:3, 16; 1 Tim. 3:14-15).

*Zechariah 8:3 ... 3 “Thus says the Lord, ‘I will return to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the City of **Truth**, and the mountain of the Lord of hosts will be called the Holy Mountain.’ (NASB95)*

*Zechariah 8:16 ... 16 ‘These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with **truth** and judgment for peace in your gates. (NASB95)*

*1 Timothy 3:14-15 ... 14 I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; 15 but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the **church** of the living God, the **pillar** and **support** of the **truth**. (NASB95)*

## **Man’s Relationship to the Truth**

### **Response of the Righteous**

#### **Knowledge**

The righteous know the truth (John 8:31-32; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 1 John 2:20-21).

*John 8:31-32 ... 31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will **know** the **truth**, and the truth will make you free.” (NASB95)*

*1 Timothy 2:3-4 ... 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the **knowledge** of the **truth**. (NASB95)*

*1 John 2:20-21 ... 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. 21 I have not written to you because you do not **know** the **truth**, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. (NASB95)*

#### **Obedience**

The righteous obey the truth (Eph. 1:13-14; Col. 1:3-8; 1 Pet. 1:22-23).

*Ephesians 1:13-14 ... 13 In Him, you also, after **listening** to the message of **truth**, the gospel of your salvation—having also **believed**, you were sealed in Him with the Holy*

*Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (NASB95)*

*Colossians 1:3-8 ... 3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints; 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the **word** of **truth**, the **gospel** 6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and **understood** the **grace** of God in **truth**; 7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit. (NASB95)*

*1 Peter 1:22-23 ... 22 Since you have in **obedience** to the **truth** purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. (NASB95)*

## **Practice**

The righteous worship in truth (Ps. 145:18; John 4:23-24; 1 Cor. 5:6-8).

*Psalm 145:18 ... 18 The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in **truth**. (NASB95)*

*John 4:23-24 ... 23 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will **worship** the Father in spirit and **truth**; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. 24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must **worship** in spirit and **truth**." (NASB95)*

*1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ... 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? 7 Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us **celebrate the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and **truth**. (NASB95)*

The righteous rejoice in the truth (1 Cor. 13:4-7; 2 John 4; 3 John 2-4).

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ... 4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but **rejoices** with the **truth**; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (NASB95)*

*2 John 4 ... 4 I was very **glad** to find some of your children walking in **truth**, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father. (NASB95)*

3 John 2-4 ... 2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. 3 For I was very glad when brethren came and testified to your truth, that is, how you are walking in **truth**. 4 I have no greater **joy** than this, to hear of my children **walking** in the **truth**. (NASB95)

The righteous walk in the truth (Eph. 4:20-25; 5:6-10; 1 John 3:17-22).

Ephesians 4:20-25 ... 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as **truth** is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the **truth**. 25 Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **speak truth** each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. (NASB95)

Ephesians 5:6-10 ... 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Therefore do not be partakers with them; 8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9 (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and **truth**), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. (NASB95)

1 John 3:17-22 ... 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and **truth**. 19 We will know by this that we are of the **truth**, and will assure our heart before Him 20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; 22 and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. (NASB95)

## **Proclamation**

Jesus taught the truth (Luke 4:16-30; John 8:39-47; 16:7).

Matthew 22:15-17 ... 15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. 16 And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and **teach** the way of God in **truth**, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. 17 "Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" (NASB95)

Mark 12:13-14 ... 13 Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him in order to trap Him in a statement. 14 They came and said to Him, "Teacher, we know that You are truthful and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any, but **teach** the way of God in **truth**. Is it lawful to pay a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" (NASB95)

Luke 20:19-22 ... 19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against

them. 20 So they watched Him, and sent spies who pretended to be righteous, in order that they might catch Him in some statement, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor. 21 They questioned Him, saying, "Teacher, we know that You speak and teach correctly, and You are not partial to any, but **teach** the way of God in **truth**. 22 "Is it lawful for us to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" (NASB95)

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Luke 4:16-30 ... 16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, 19 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord." 20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?" 23 And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.' " 24 And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown. 25 "But **I say** to you in **truth**, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; 26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. 27 "And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." 28 And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; 29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. 30 But passing through their midst, He went His way. (NASB95)

John 8:39-47 ... 39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. 40 "But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has **told** you the **truth**, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. 41 "You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. 43 "Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. 44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the **truth** because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 "But because I **speak** the **truth**, you do not believe Me. 46 "Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I **speak** **truth**, why do you not believe Me? 47 "He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God." (NASB95)

John 16:7 ... 7 “But I **tell** you the **truth**, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (NASB95)

Paul taught the truth (Acts 26:24-28; 2 Cor. 4:1-2; Gal. 2:1-5).

Acts 26:24-28 ... 24 While Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, “Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you mad.” 25 But Paul said, “I am not out of my mind, most excellent Festus, but I **utter** words of sober **truth**. 26 “For the king knows about these matters, and I speak to him also with confidence, since I am persuaded that none of these things escape his notice; for this has not been done in a corner. 27 “King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know that you do.” 28 Agrippa replied to Paul, “In a short time you will persuade me to become a Christian.” (NASB95)

2 Corinthians 4:1-2 ... 1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, 2 but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the **manifestation** of **truth** commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. (NASB95)

Galatians 2:1-5 ... 1 Then after an interval of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along also. 2 It was because of a revelation that I went up; and I submitted to them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but I did so in private to those who were of reputation, for fear that I might be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus, who was with me, though he was a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised. 4 But it was because of the false brethren secretly brought in, who had sneaked in to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. 5 But **we did not yield in subjection** to them for even an hour, so that the **truth** of the gospel would remain with you. (NASB95)

Disciples teach the truth (Eph. 6:13-17; 2 Tim. 2:14-15, 24-26).

Ephesians 6:13-17 ... 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. 14 Stand firm therefore, having **girded** your loins with **truth**, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (NASB95)

2 Timothy 2:14-15 ... 14 Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers. 15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling** the word of **truth**. (NASB95)

2 Timothy 2:24-26 ... 24 The Lord’s bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the **knowledge** of the

*truth*, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will. (NASB95)

## **Response of the Wicked**

### **Disbelief**

The wicked do not believe/love the truth (John 18:36-38; 2 Thess. 2:10-12).

*John 18:36-38 ... 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the **truth**. Everyone who is of the **truth** hears My voice." 38 Pilate said to Him, "What is **truth**?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews and said to them, "I find no guilt in Him. (NASB95)*

*2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 ... 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the **love** of the **truth** so as to be saved. 11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not **believe** the **truth**, but took pleasure in wickedness. (NASB95)*

### **Disobedience**

The wicked do not obey the truth (Rom. 2:5-11; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; James 5:19-20).

*Romans 2:5-11 ... 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who will render to each person according to his deeds: 7 to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; 8 but to those who are selfishly ambitious and **do not obey** the **truth**, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God. (NASB95)*

*2 Timothy 4:3-4 ... 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will **turn away their ears** from the **truth** and will turn aside to myths. (NASB95)*

*James 5:19-20 ... 19 My brethren, if any among you **strays** from the **truth** and one turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. (NASB95)*

## Distortion

The wicked distort the truth (Rom. 1:18-25; Gal. 5:1-7; 1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 2:16-18; 3:6-9; Titus 1:10-14).

*Romans 1:18-25 ... 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the **truth** in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. 21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. 24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the **truth** of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (NASB95)*

*Galatians 5:1-7 ... 1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. 3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. 4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. 7 You were running well; who hindered you from **obeying** the **truth**? (NASB95)+*

*1 Timothy 6:3-5 ... 3 If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, 4 he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, 5 and constant friction between men of depraved mind and **deprived** of the **truth**, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. (NASB95)*

*2 Timothy 2:16-18 ... 16 But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17 and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 men who have **gone astray** from the **truth** saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. (NASB95)*

*2 Timothy 3:6-9 ... 6 For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, 7 always learning and never able to come to the **knowledge** of the **truth**. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also **oppose** the **truth**, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith. 9 But they will not make further progress; for their folly will be obvious to all, just as Jannes's and Jambres's folly was also. (NASB95)*

*Titus 1:10-14 ... 10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who **turn away** from the **truth**. (NASB95)*

## **Duplicity**

The wicked are duplicitous regarding the truth (Rom. 2:17-24; Gal. 2:11-14; 1 John 1:6-10; 2:3-6).

*Romans 2:17-24 ... 17 But if you bear the name "Jew" and rely upon the Law and boast in God, 18 and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the **embodiment** of knowledge and of the **truth**, 21 you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? 22 You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 23 You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," just as it is written. (NASB95)*

*Galatians 2:11-14 ... 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. 12 For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he began to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. 13 The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. 14 But when I saw that they were **not straightforward** about the **truth** of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how is it that you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews? (NASB95)*

*1 John 1:6-10 ... 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the **truth**; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, **we are deceiving ourselves** and the **truth** is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. (NASB95)*

*1 John 2:3-6 ... 3 By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a **liar**, and the **truth** is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked. (NASB95)*

## **Conclusion**

Have you been sanctified in truth (John 17:19)?

*John 17:19 ... 19 "For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. (NASB95)*

Have you been begotten in truth (James 1:18)?

*James 1:18 ... 18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures. (NASB95)*

Are you being established in truth (2 Pet. 1:12)?

*2 Peter 1:12 ... 12 Therefore, I will always be ready to remind you of these things, even though you already know them, and have been established in the truth which is present with you. (NASB950029)*