

Encounter

Part 1

“Truth”

Introduction: In this series we will look at the different aspects of God.

• **Many know about God.**

• **An accurate relationship with God is different.**

For a real understanding of who God is, look at Jesus.

Hebrews 1:1-3 (NIV)

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

John 1:1 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 (NIV)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 14:8-9 (NIV)

Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?”

Aspect One: Truth and Light

Truth- sound or reliable; pure; that which is real

John 14:5-6 (NIV)

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Video The Truth Project: Lesson One (by Focus on the Family)

Texts for your study:

John 18:33ff

John 1:17

John 14:6

John 17:17

John 4:24

John 8:32

John 14:6

John 16:13

1 Timothy 2:3-4

Ephesians 6:14ff

Isaiah 59:14

Jeremiah 7:20

1 Timothy 6:13

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Romans 1:18

Acts 20-30

Romans 2:8

Romans 1:25

So What is the Truth God Wishes to Reveal?

1st The world is confused and it has ramifications.

Matthew 9:36 (NIV)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

2nd Human Origin- “God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1

3rd God allowed choice- “Do not eat from the tree...” Genesis 2:17

This is how the world got where it is: our choices.

4th There is a cosmic battle going on. Genesis 3:1

A deceitful enemy

John 8:44-45 (NIV)

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

Ephesians 6:11-12 (NIV)

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

5th Jesus came to set the captives free.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NIV)

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

John 8:31-32 (NIV)

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

God's Choice: Truth Revealed

God loves us and wants us to know the truth and to testify to the truth.

John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 18:37 (NIV)

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. 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."

Our Choice: Truth/Light vs. Lies/Darkness

John 8:12 (NIV)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 3:19 (NIV)

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

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