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The Way; The Truth; The Life / The Way; Truth; Life / John 14:5-7

The NT encompasses the Greek idea of truth as reality, as well as the Hebraic concepts of faithfulness and reliability. Jesus Christ is shown as “the Truth” and the apostles present the gospel as “truth”.



John 14:5-7 ESV

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Truth as opposed to falsehood and lies

Ephesians 4:25 ESV

²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Truth as reality

Hebrews 9:24 ESV

²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Truth as trustworthy affirmations

John 6:47 ESV

⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Truth as faithfulness and reliability

The quality of truth

Philippians 4:8 ESV

⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Truth as an aspect of the character of God

Romans 3:3-4 ESV

³ What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? ⁴ By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, “That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.”

Truth as a human quality

1 John 1:8 ESV

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Jesus Christ as truth

John 14:6 ESV

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Spirit of God as truth

John 16:13 ESV

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

The gospel and the Christian faith as truth

Ephesians 1:13 ESV

¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

God's Plan of Salvation

HEAR
Romans 10:14, 17; Luke 6:47-49

BELIEVE
Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; James 2:24

REPENT
Acts 2:38; 17:30; 26:20

CONFESS
Romans 10:9-10; 1 Timothy 6:12; Matthew 10:32-33

BE BAPTIZED
(Immersed in water as a believer)
Acts 2:38; 22:16; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Peter 3:21

REMAIN FAITHFUL
Galatians 5:4; 1 Corinthians 10:12

Man's Need

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). The entire Christian can be restored by repentance and prayer. Repent therefore of this wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee" (Acts 8:22).

The One Baptism

Immersion in Water (Ephesians 4:5)

Observe

- 1) Requires water (Acts 10:47)
- 2) Much water (John 3:23)
- 3) Going to water (Acts 8:36)
- 4) Going down into the water (Acts 8:38)
- 5) Burial (Romans 6:4)
- 6) Coming up out of the water (Acts 8:39)
- 7) Resurrection (Romans 6:4-5)
- 8) Birth (John 3:3-5)

Pattern of Salvation throughout the Bible

SUBJECT OF GOD'S GRACE	GRACE EXTENDED (PHRASE)	GRACE OBTAINED	OBEDIENCE REQUIRED
Nahab Genesis 6:11-22	None	None	None
Abraham Genesis 12:1-3	Promise of God	Obedience of Faith	Justified
Moses Exodus 14-15	Went delivered through the Red Sea	Obedience of Faith	Delivered
Nathan 2 Kings 5:1-15	Went delivered through the Jordan	Obedience of Faith	Cleaned
Blithem John 9:1-11	Went of Jesus	Obedience of Faith	Healed
Ethiopian Acts 8:26-40	Went of Philip	Obedience of Faith	Saved
Manahel today Romans 3:23	Through hearing the Word	Obedience of Faith (Baptism for the remission of sins)	Saved

Throughout the Bible we see the pattern of man's sin, God's grace, man's faith, and man's obedience. This pattern is always repeated when God saves people. God requires obedient faith (Romans 16:26).

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