

Truth 2: Characteristics of Truth

Truth is Knowable, Narrow, and Consistent



Truth is Knowable

Jesus said truth is knowable – Jn. 8:31-32

- To reject this is to reject the words of Jesus
- Truth is required to be set free from sin

Many reject this because the religious division that exists

- Knowing the truth requires abiding in Jesus' words, which some refuse to do – Jn. 8:31-32; 2 Tim. 4:2-4; 2 Pt. 2:1-2
- Knowing the truth requires commitment and effort some are not willing to give – 2 Pt. 3:16-17; 2 Tim. 2:15

Truth is knowable if one desires it and is willing to put forth the effort to know it.

Truth is Narrow

- # We may not like the sound of it, but truth is narrow
 - # Mathematical truth is narrow
 - $2 + 2 = 4$
 - All other answers are wrong
 - # Biblical truth is narrow:
 - Jesus said God's truth is narrow—it is *the* truth – Jn. 8:31-32; Eph. 4:4-6
 - Jesus showed truth is narrow in His dealing with the Sadducees concerning the resurrection – Acts 23:8; Mt. 22:29-31
 - # While all truth is narrow, not all views that are narrow are true.
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Truth is Consistent

- # One truth never contradicts another truth—truth harmonizes
 - # Bible truth is always consistent. It will always harmonize with other biblical truth.
 - # Jesus showed truth is consistent in His dealing with Satan in the wilderness – Mt. 4:5-6
 - Satan used scripture to tempt Jesus – Mt. 4:6; Psa. 91:11-12
 - Jesus showed that Satan misapplied the passage because he did not harmonize it with other scripture – Mt. 4:7; Deut. 6:16
 - # The proper interpretation of God’s truth will always be consistent, or harmonize, with other biblical truth.
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