

Doctrine of Truth

1. A primary word for truth used in the Old Testament is אֱמֶת *'emeth* (eh'-meth); stability; (figuratively) certainty, truth, trustworthiness.
2. In the New Testament the word is ἀληθής *alethes* (al-ay-thace'); true (as not concealing).
3. The saints are to worship God in truth.
 - *John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
4. God is to be served in truth.
 - *Joshua 24:14 Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord.*
 - *1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.*
5. The walk or life of the Christian before God is to be one of truth.
 - *1 Kings 2:4 That the Lord may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.*
6. It is a powerful point in prayer when a person can petition the Lord for answered prayer based on a life of personal integrity.
 - *2 Kings 20:3 I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.*
7. Communion is to be taken with truth in the heart.
 - *1 Corinthians 5:8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*
8. Truth is to be esteemed for it is inestimable.
 - *Proverbs 23:23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*

9. Truth is to be loved.

- *Zechariah 8:19 Thus saith the Lord of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.*

10. Love will always rejoice in the truth.

- *1 Corinthians 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;*

11. God's people are always to speak the truth to one another.

- *Zechariah 8:16 These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:*
- *Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

12. Any personal or judicial judgment is to be rendered in truth.

- *Zechariah 8:16 These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates:*

13. The concept of truth is to be mediated upon.

- *Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

14. Truth is to be bound to the neck of a Christian so that it will never be lost.

- *Proverbs 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:*
- *Deuteronomy 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.*

15. Truth is to be written upon the tables of the heart.

- *Proverbs 3:3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:*

16. The fruit of the Spirit is in the sphere of truth.

- *Ephesians 5:9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)*

17. The people of God as His servants must always speak the truth.

- *2 Corinthians 12:6 For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me.*

18. Others will not always appreciate hearing the truth spoken.

- *Galatians 4:16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?*

19. The gospel is to be communicated in truth.

- *1 Timothy 2:7 Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not ;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.*

20. Ministers of the gospel confirm their integrity by speaking the word of truth.

- *2 Corinthians 6:4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses...7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true.*

21. Magistrates or civil authorities should be men of truth.

- *Exodus 18:21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:*

22. Kings are preserved by knowing and protecting the truth.

- *Proverbs 20:28 Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy.*

23. Those who speak the truth show forth righteousness.

- *Proverbs 12:17 He that speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness: but a false witness deceit.*

24. God delights in the person who will speak the truth and live the truth.

- *Proverbs 12:22 Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.*

25. God has a controversy with a culture that has abandoned the truth.

- *Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.*

26. There are distinct characteristics of a spiritually bankrupt people.

- Individuals will not speak the truth. *Jeremiah 9:5 And they will deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.*
- Individuals will not uphold the truth. *Isaiah 59:14 And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.*
- Individuals will not defend the truth. *Jeremiah 9:3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.*

27. God must and will punish those who abandon truth.

- *Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.*
- *Jeremiah 9:9 Shall I not visit them for these things? Saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?*
- *Hosea 4:3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.*

28. The gospel of truth came by Jesus Christ.

- *John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

29. Truth is Christ.

- *John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

30. John bore witness to the truth.

- *John 5:33 Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth.*

31. Truth is according to godliness.

- *Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;*

32. Truth is sanctifying.

- *John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

33. Truth is purifying through gospel obedience.

- *1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

34. Truth is part of the Christian's complete armor.

- *Ephesians 6:14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;*

35. Spiritual truth is revealed abundantly to the saints.

- *Jeremiah 33:6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.*

36. Truth abides continually with the saints.

- *2 John 2 For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever.*

37. Truth can only be acknowledged when God gives the gift of repentance.

- *2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

38. Truth is to be believed and embraced.

- *2 Thessalonians 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

39. There are many false doctrines which oppose and supplant the known will of God which can only be rejected by those which believe and know the truth.

- *1 Timothy 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.*