



Section 1: Concerning The Bible (Cont.)

Question 2: Is the Bible trustworthy?

Answer 2: Yes, the Bible is absolute truth.

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

Support Verses: **Proverbs 30:5**
Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

Psalm 119:160
Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth forever.

Psalm 33:4
For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

Discussion Points:

1. Why do we use the word "absolute" when discussing truth?

- The word "absolute" is used to describe the nature of truth.
- According to Webster we learn that the word "absolute" means,
 1. Literally, in a general sense, free, independent of any thing extraneous. Hence,
 2. Complete in itself; positive; as an absolute declaration.
 3. Unconditional, as an absolute promise.
 4. Existing independent of any other cause, as God is absolute.
- That is, it is established according to a standard and is unchanging regardless of circumstance.
- Truth by definition cannot be anything but absolute.
- The lie that we battle most is Satan's attempt to redefine truth as something that is relative.
- Satan would have us believe that there is no standard by which we determine truth
- He has, from the very beginning, called into question the veracity of God's words.
- And he continues to this day, to cause confusion, which results in unbelief.
- One of the ways He has accomplished this is by the many translations that exist today, and the subsequent battle to determine what is the most accurate reading.
- The purpose of this tactic is to strip the truth of its absolute nature.
- That is, to make the truth dependent upon, and subject to man's ability to reason.
- This principle of absolute truth is the very foundation of our faith.
- This Bible is God's word or it's not. There is no middle ground.
- Make your decision for truth and then teach it to your children as such.



2. Is "every word" of the Bible truth?

- By its own declaration, every word of God is absolutely pure and is a reflection of His character.
- The nature of the Bible demands that we accept it completely, as truth.
- If there were a portion of the Bible that was not true, or absolute, who would have the authority to make such a declaration.
- Such a declaration would assume that the one making it has a greater authority than the scripture itself.
- When truth is questioned, it is actually the nature and character of God that is being questioned.
- We would do well to accept the authority of every word of scripture as Jesus did (Matthew 5:17-18).

3. Does truth ever change or become irrelevant?

- No, as this would be contrary to the nature of truth and the nature of the source of truth.
- Psalm 119:160 said that his word is "true from the beginning."
- Consider the powerful implications of that statement with regard to truth and change...
- Nothing has ever become truth over time, and nothing that is truth ever ceases to be truth over time.
- If truth has God for its source, and beyond that, He actually identifies Himself as truth (Deuteronomy 32:4, John 14:6), then it would be contrary to His character to be given to change (Malachi 3:6).
- The warning is given in scripture as to the danger of change as well.
- The principle that God establishes is that there is safety or security in absolutes (Proverbs 24:21-22).

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "O How Love I Thy Law" (Scripture Chorus - Psalm 119:97, 101, 103)
- "How Firm A Foundation" (Hymn - #578 - Rejoice Hymns)