

Truth Pt 2 Of a truth: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life

This is our second teaching on the topic of truth. In our previous study we covered three points- (i) God is a God of truth, (ii) ALL the works of the LORD are done in truth, (iii) God speaks truth therefore the word of the LORD is truth.

In this teaching we will focus on the well known verse - John 14: 6- where Jesus said of himself: I am the way, the truth, and the life.

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn 14: 6).

HOW is Jesus the way, the truth and the life? We will answer this question from our three points, each will be- of a truth- Luke 12:44- “Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath”.

Our points will include- (i) Of a truth: Jesus is “the way” by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, (ii) Of a truth: Jesus is “the truth” because He did NO sin (opposite of truth), and only spoke truth, and (iii) Of a truth: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

Let us first establish a meaning of the word truth from the scriptures, by considering the various links.

1. Of a truth: Jesus is “the way” by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ which is truth.

“For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel” Colossians 1:5- CF 2 Thessalonians 1:8- “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The gospel of Christ has the power to save a person

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom.1:16).

The gospel is truth (hence it is known as the word of truth

“But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?” (Gal.2: 14).

Jesus taught the way of God in truth

“And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men” (Matt.22: 16).

Jesus is the way of salvation

“The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation” (Acts 16: 17).

There is salvation in none other, for there is no other name whereby man must be saved - He is the only WAY

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

2. Of a truth: Jesus is “the truth” because He did NO sin, and only spoke truth

[21] For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

[22] Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 1 Pet.2: 21, 22- CF: Lk 4:25- “But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land”. See also Lk 9:27, Lk 12:44, Lk 21:3, Jn.8: 40.

The Word was made flesh (Jesus) and He was full of grace and truth & they came by Him

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (Jn.1: 14).

The truth came by Jesus

“For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (Jn.1: 17).

The truth is in Jesus

“If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus” (Eph.4: 21).

3. Of a truth: Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life

[25] Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

[26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? (Jn.11: 25, 26).

Jesus has the words of eternal life

“Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life” (Jn.6: 68).

Jesus said: I am the bread of life, he that comes to me shall never hunger and never thirst

[12] Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

[33] For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

[34] Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

[35] And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

[36] But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. (Jn.6: 12, 33-36).

An illustration to help apply the teaching to our life today.

The JW have the same words in John 14: 6, but their corrupt text screws with the truth of our three points, The gospel that they preach is the kingdom of heaven, and **not** the glorious gospel of Christ-crucified that has the power to save a person from hell.

Their Jesus is a little “god”, He is **not** God Almighty.

Their Jesus cannot be the resurrection and the life, because they do **not** believe they receive eternal life...but soul sleep and return to earth which is their future paradise.

Questions to think about.

i) The scripture says that Jesus spoke the truth, why did they not believe Him?”

”Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? (Jn 8: 46).

ii) What are the implications of believing that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life?

Answers from the scriptures.

i) Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

“Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.” (John 18:37)

They did not believe that He spoke the truth because they were not of God

[45] And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

[47] He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. (Jn. 8: 45, 47).

He that doeth truth will come to the light that their deeds be made manifest- Jn 3:21- “But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God”.

ii) The implications of believing that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life: they identify themselves as true worshippers that will worship the Father in spirit and in TRUTH-

“But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him” (Jn.4: 23).

They have chosen the way of truth

“I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me” (Ps.119: 30)

In the Christian faith there is no tolerance of other gods, there is no other way to the Father, there is no other truth, there is no other God that offers us eternal life, who is the bread of life, the resurrection and the Life. Only Jesus Christ! He is the way, the truth and the life, and no man comes to the Father but by Him! Amen!