## Truth

**What is Truth?**

The Bible claims to be truth. But if we do not understand the nature of Truth, we will not fully understand what the God wants to teach us about truth.

This PowerPoint presentation is written in easy English for people who do not have English as their main language. It provides a brief introduction to Epistemology - the nature of Truth. In the process, will show why we can know the 66 books of the Bible are truly the words of God.

**Instructions for using this PowerPoint:**   
*Read from these notes as you are showing the PowerPoint. Each time you see “Slide #” or “[+], press the Next button to go to the next PowerPoint slide.* Encourage your audience to draw the basic Bible Timeline (Slides 1 and 2) to help them become familiar with the different historical people and events on the timeline.

Slide 1 - Truth

[+] False teachers will say that the Christian is wrong: *“You believe the Bible is true only because it says it is true. This is circular reasoning, and you are foolish to believe it”* [+] But this is not why we believe the Bible is true.

[+] First, we must understand the nature of Truth.  
”Truth is that which corresponds to reality” When we see a thing, hear a thing, or read a thing, we may want to know if it is true. We can test it by seeing if it corresponds to reality. If it corresponds to reality, then we know that the thing is true.

1. [+] If a document IS truth, we should expect that it will tell us that it is truth. So when we read a document or telling us that it is truth, perhaps it is true; perhaps not. So we must do other tests to know if it is truth.
2. [+] Truth has two important properties
   1. [+] It is internally consistent. It will not disagree with itself
   2. [+] It is externally accurate. When its factual claims are investigated, they will be shown to be true

For example, if the Bible says in one chapter that *Solomon* built a temple for the Lord in Jerusalem, it will not say in another chapter that *Samuel* built a temple for the Lord. Thee two statements disagree with each other. Truth will not disagree with itself. Now, if we go to Israel and investigate the ground, we will find that truly Solomon built a temple in Jerusalem. We will not find the temple of Solomon in Jericho or Galilee.

**Slide 11 - Testing Truth**

[+] How can we test truth?

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