

You Can Know The Truth (John 8:32)

I. To deny truth is a logical inconsistency.

- A. In logic, if something can be shown to be false it is illogical and not to be followed or believed.
- B. To say there is no truth puts you in a dilemma.
- C. Some say that there is no truth.
- D. The best thing to do is ask the one that says this, "Do you know that?"
 - 1. They either have to say, "Yes I know that," which proves their original idea false.
 - 2. Or, they have to say, "I don't know that," which makes them look foolish.
- E. Jesus did this to the chief priests and elders (Matthew 21:23-27).
 - 1. He asked them from where did John's baptism come.
 - 2. Either answer they could give would put them in a predicament that they did not like.

II. The Bible teaches we can know the truth.

- A. The Bible teaches that God is a God of truth (Is 65:16; Ti 1:2).
- B. The Bible presents itself as truth (Jn 17:17) and that truth alone can save (Jn 8:32).
- C. From what the Bible teaches about truth there are some things we can figure out.
- D. We can attain truth.
 - 1. Paul told us to let the word of Christ dwell in us richly (Col.3:16).
 - 2. Paul must have believed we could get it and know it.
- E. Truth is objective - it does not change based on the ideas of the hearer.
- F. Truth is absolute - it is complete and unchangeable.
- G. We must love the truth.
 - 1. Since it will judge us one day (Jn 12:48) our attitude towards it is extremely important.
 - 2. We must handle it correctly if we love it (2 Ti 2:15).
 - 3. We will obey it if we love it (1 Pe 1:22; Ep 4:24).
 - 4. We will defend it (Ph 1:17; 1 Pe 3:15).

III. Some results of the idea that we cannot know truth.

- A. This has led to religious division.
- B. It has led some to say, "Since no one knows everything, we cannot know anything."
 - 1. No one knows everything but God.
 - 2. This statement cannot be true because it violates scripture (Jn 8:32).
- C. It has led some to say, "I admit we can know it, but my grasp of it is faulty and weak."
- D. Some have said, "I can believe it, but I cannot know it."

