

# The Power of Truth

## INTRODUCTION

Psalm 146

*“Better to illuminate than merely to shine, to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate.” – Thomas Aquinas*

*“Peace if possible, but truth at any rate.” – Martin Luther*

*“All that is true, by whomsoever it has been said has its origin in the Spirit.”*  
-Thomas Aquinas

*“Without absolutes revealed from without by God Himself, we are left rudderless in a sea of conflicting ideas about manners, justice and right and wrong, issuing from a multitude of self-opinionated thinkers.” – John Owen*

*“The truth of God may well be likened to a narrow path skirted on either side by a dangerous and destructive precipice: in other words, it lies between two gulfs of error.” – A. W. Pink*

**1 Tim. 3:15** – The Church is the Pillar and the Buttress (ground) of the truth in the earth.

- God has entrusted the truth to the truth and holds His Church accountable to shine it around for all to be pointed to God.

### **1. The Source of Truth is its \_\_\_\_\_.**

- It is eternal; it *cannot* be altered!
- **Matthew 24:35; Is. 40:8** – *It is true for all people, at all times, in all places.*
- It is the objectivity of the truth that allows it to have *meaning!*
- **The Revelation of God’s Truth comes through \_\_\_\_\_.**

- The Bible
- **Psalm 119:160** – the entirety of your word is true; your righteous judgments endure forever.

## 2. The Truth of God is to be understood \_\_\_\_\_.

- **God's Word can be understood using normal mental faculties.**
  - **2 Timothy 2:15** – . . . Rightly dividing the Word of Truth
    - God would not give a command without the means of carrying it out.
    - Humans differ from animals in that we are able to make moral judgments.
  - The Bible is to be interpreted, and we would do that knowing that the Bible shows us real people, doing real things, in real places, in real time.
    - News can be fake, but the Word of God is true/real!
      - **Romans 3:3-4** – If some don't believe is it not true? Certainly Not! Let the fallible man be found to be the liar and God found to be true!
- **The Holy Spirit shows us how to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the truths of God's Word.**
  - **John 16:13** – The Holy Spirit will guide the believer into all truth.

## 3. The Truth of God is entrusted to \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

- **1 Timothy 3:15 (ESV)** – “if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.”
  - A pillar is made to hold a roof/covering/shelter overhead in place
  - A buttress is a support of stone or brick built against a wall, that is a defense or support to reinforce the wall against outside attacks; so that what is being buttressed, the wall, holds in its rightful place.

## 4. The Truth of God is the only thing that Makes and Keeps us \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer Key:**

1. OBJECTIVITY
  - a. HIS WORD
2. RATIONALLY
  - a. INTERNALIZE and APPLY
3. HIS CHURCH
4. FREE