

"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)

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NOW WHAT? Back to the Basics

DOCTRINE – Part 1

Jesus (and the New Testament) emphasise the importance of Truth. ([John 14:6; 18:37](#)).

Paul wrote to the Ephesian Christians, these words: *"Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth. . ."* (Ephesians 6:14, ESV).

WHAT TRUTH IS NOT!

- Truth is not what works.
- Truth is not what feels right.
- Truth is not whatever you want it to be.
- Truth is not the majority opinion.

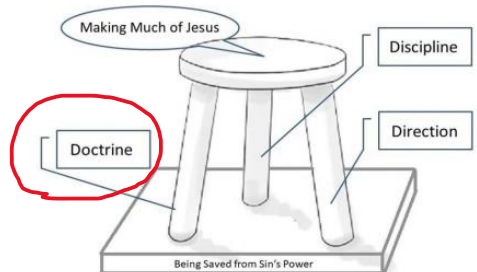
EXPOSITION OF JOHN 7-8:

CONTEXT

THE THREE POINTS OF JESUS

As Jesus attended this event He took the opportunity to teach three main points:

Now What?



1. You can know truth from error only by obeying God. [John 7:17](#)
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2. Only Believers are indwelt with Truth [John 7:37–38; 14:16–17](#)
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3. Discernment of right and wrong comes from following Jesus. [John 8:12](#).
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THE RESULTS OF THE SERMON

[John 8:30](#) →

THE DISCIPLESHIP FOLLOW-UP

“So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”” (John 8:31–32, ESV)

Abiding in His Word causes two things to occur:

1. It marks them as true disciples of Christ; and
2. It enables them to *know the Truth*.

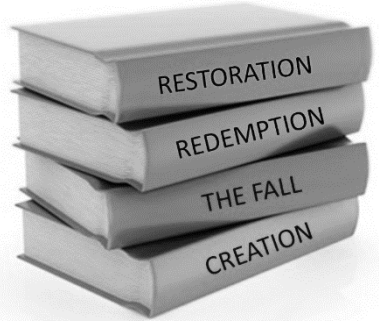
WHAT DOES ABIDING MEAN?

TRUTH MATTERS

Christianity is about the Truth. When we minimise or downplay Truth, we no longer have biblical Christianity. Getting the issue of Truth right is the key to getting everything else right. [3 John 3](#)

There are some non-negotiables; not-for-sale-at-any-price Truths in the Scriptures that are basic and irrevocable for the Believer. Over the next few weeks I want to present them to you.

- What is True about our origins: Creation
- What is True about our current situation: The Fall
- What is True about what we need: Redemption
- What is True about our future: Restoration



What you do with Truth is equally as profound as what you do with Jesus.

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