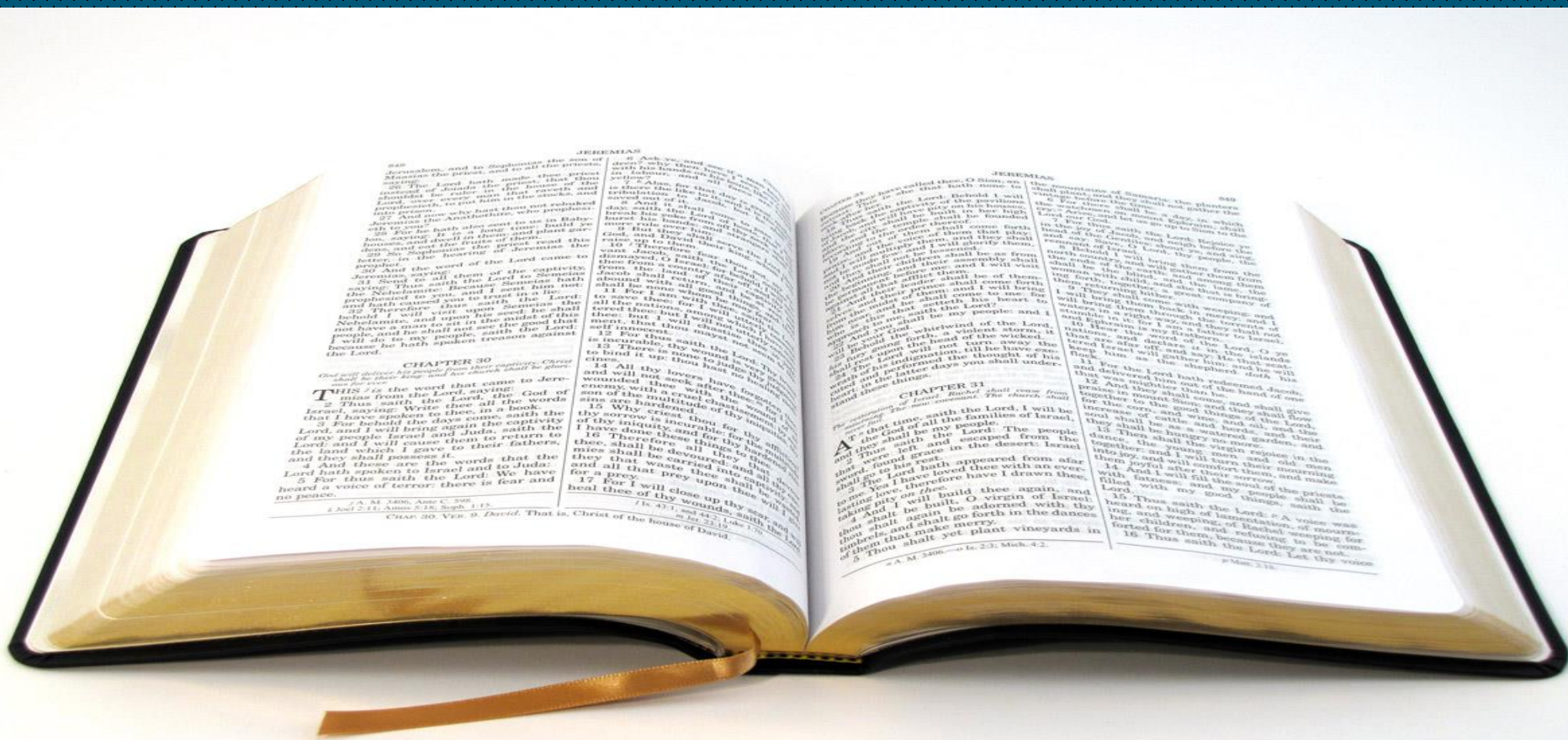


The Truth



“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”
John 8:32

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MORAL RELATIVISM

- The belief that morality, or standards of right and wrong, are culturally based and therefore is a matter of individual choice
- “You decide what's right for you, and I'll decide what's right for me”
- “It's true for me, if I believe it”

CONSEQUENCES

- The standard of truth is different for everyone
- Leads to instability and confusion because the standard is often changing
- Results in acceptance of sin because everyone has their own standard and therefore no one can question it

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SITUATION ETHICS

- “The only principle to have intrinsic value is love. Therefore, a decision based on unconditional love is the right thing to do in any situation”
- “Unconditional love is free from rigid restrictions that determine our morals. Love does not follow prescribed rules; instead, it evaluates each situation individually, avoiding blanket judgments”
- “In the end, as long as love is your intention, the end justifies the means”

CONSEQUENCES

- Removes accountability and guilt because sin is justified
- Man determines his own standard and ignores God’s Law. In essence he becomes his own god
- Results in acceptance of sin because everyone has their own standard
- Difficult to determine the standard of truth
- Spiritual death: “There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death” Prov 16:25

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Changing terminology: Redefining meaning of words

- **Tolerance:** “a fair and permissive attitude toward those whose race, religion, nationality, etc., differ from one's own”
 - Redefined: Condoning any sinful behavior, regardless if it violates your beliefs. If you do not accept the behavior, you are intolerant
- **Hate:** “To dislike intensely or passionately; feel extreme aversion for or extreme hostility toward; detest”
 - Redefined: Accepting sinful relationships or behaviors. Otherwise, you “hate” someone
- **Discrimination:** “Action or policies based on prejudice or partiality”
 - Redefined: If you refuse to take an action or support a policy based on your religious beliefs, you are discriminating

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CONSEQUENCES

- Normalizes sin and makes it acceptable
- Makes someone feel guilty if they object and pressures them to comply
- Difficult to determine the standard of truth

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Sinful conduct is justified based on someone's background, environment or understanding of the truth

REASONS FOR CONDUCT

- “They had a difficult childhood”
- “They have a tendency towards that behavior”
- “They did not know it was wrong when they sinned”

CONSEQUENCES

- Leads to the justification and acceptance of sin
- Teaches that is acceptable to modify God’s standard
- Gives approval to continue committing sin

“He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD” Prov 17:15

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“Fake News” Distorting the facts with false or misleading information. They are presented as true

DEFINITION OF LYING

- “to make an untrue statement with intent to deceive”
 - “to create a false or misleading impression”
- (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

CONSEQUENCES

- Shapes opinions based on a false narrative
- Causes division and anger
- Creates motivation for actions that result in a negative outcome

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BELIEFS ABOUT MORALITY, BY GENERATION

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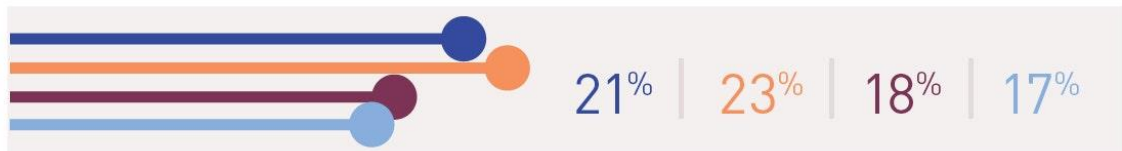
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● Gen Z ● Millennials ● Gen X ● Boomers

What is morally right and wrong changes over time based on society



What is morally right or wrong depends on what an individual believes



U.S. teens ages 13-18, n=1,490, Nov. 4-16, 2016. U.S. adults 19 and older, n=1,517, Nov. 4-16, 2016

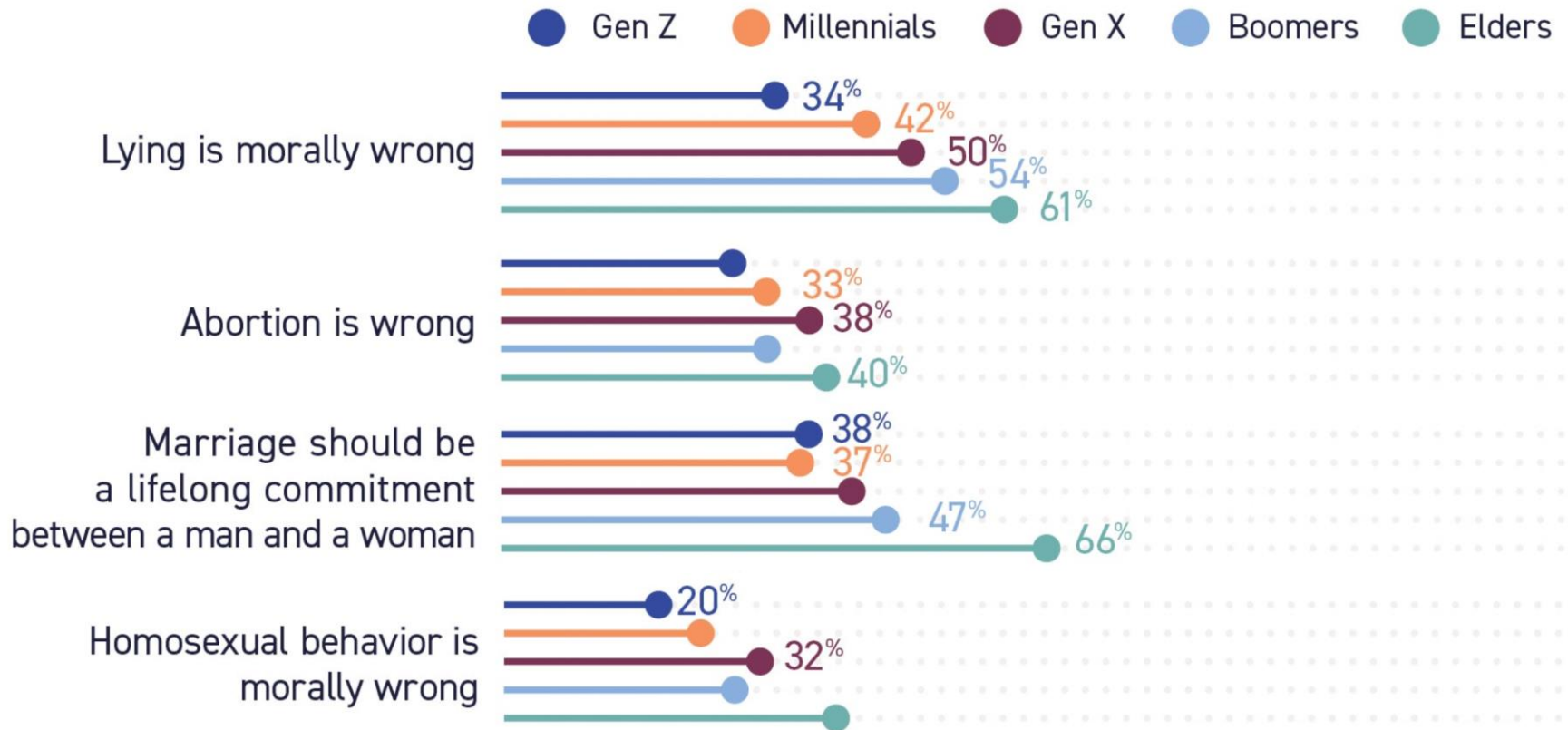
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BELIEFS ABOUT MORAL ISSUES, BY GENERATION

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Truth Today in Modern Religions



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- Designed to appeal to everyone
- Most are “all-faiths” institutions with members that have many different beliefs
- Many have “Community” or “Christian” in their name
- There is generally one main leader, the “pastor” who oversees the entire church
- Promote an appeal to how worship will make you feel
- Worship services are very emotional (“Spirit filled”)
- Often follow parts of the Old and New covenants
- Often have multiple “ministries”
- Often involved in community outreach
- Teach a mixture of truth and error

About Harvest

Harvest exists to change lives by leading people to totally love God, love people, and love life as one church in global locations.

Harvest is a life giving, family oriented, multi cultural, multi generational, Spirit filled Christian church for everyone. At Harvest, we believe that regardless of your yesterday, God has a great future in store for you.

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In vocational ministry for over nineteen years & a bishop, which is a pastor to pastors, for over ten years, Bishop Foreman is renowned for his bold, yet down-to-earth, practical, and humorous approach to presenting the Gospel, which makes the Bible easy to understand for all ages & backgrounds. Bishop is the author of [*Getting Your Finances in Order*](#) & [*Sins of the Fathers: Breaking Generational Curses*](#).

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We are moms, and we believe that better moms make a better world.

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ABOUT

JAMLAC (Justice And Mercy Legal Aid Clinic) exists to address the practical legal needs of people struggling with poverty and oppression in the Denver metro area. Founded in 2006, JAMLAC has become a safe and confidential resource for victims of daily hardship and cruelty. Full-time attorneys, paralegals, interns and volunteers manage approximately 50 active cases each week. JAMLAC also partners with the Christian Legal Society to provide seven free consultation clinics at local churches and homeless shelters in the Denver metro area.

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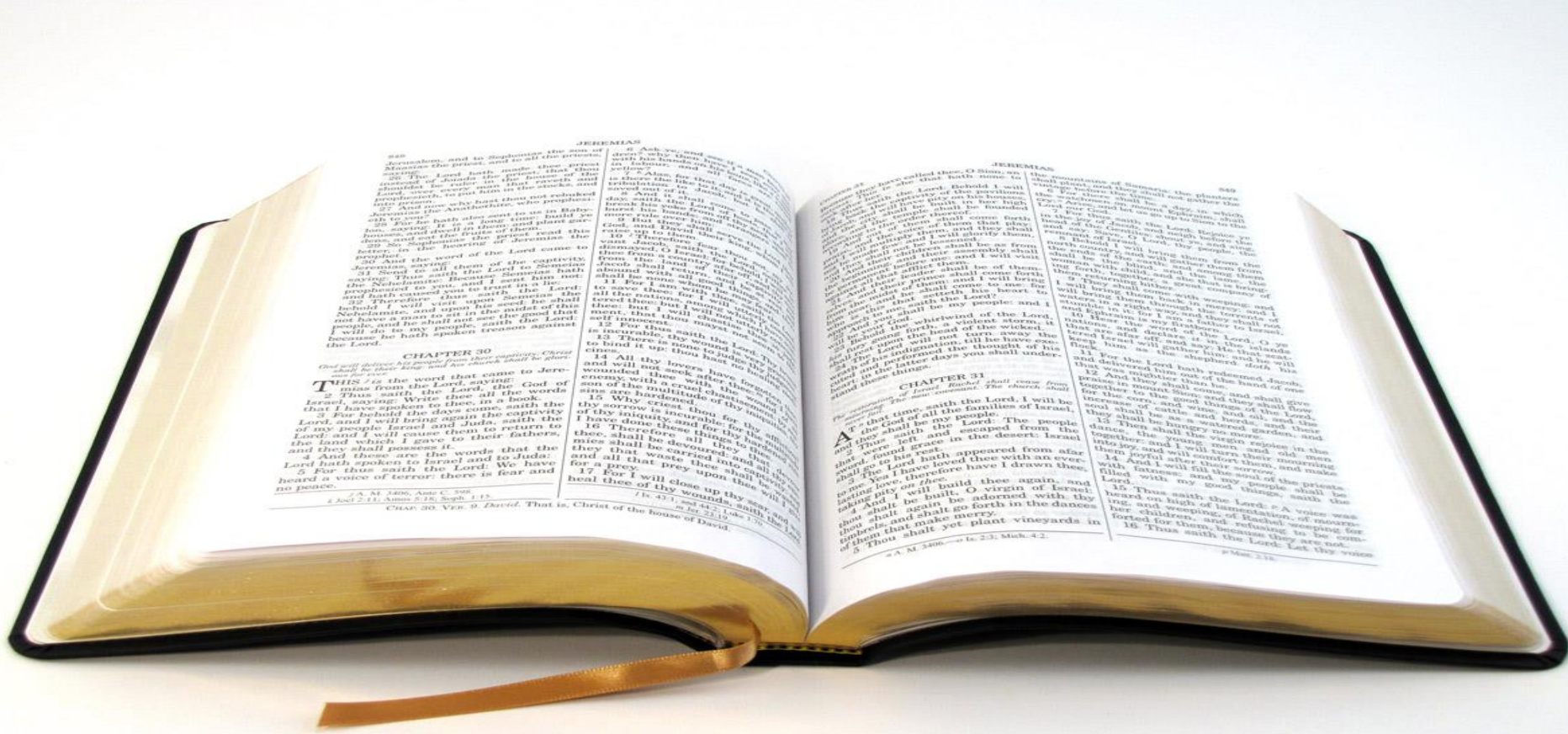
"When God Guides" Pastor Marlon Saunders

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Consequences

- The truth is being distorted and compromised
- Worship services are emotional and focus on the worshipper instead of God
- Church funds are not being used appropriately
- Pattern for worship is not being followed
- Standard of truth is distorted. Acceptable because “good” is being done
- Ultimately the truth is being suppressed and error is being perpetuated

What The Truth Teaches Us



“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth 2 Tim 2:15

What The Truth Teaches Us

God's laws are specific and unchanging-The Truth is absolute

- “...For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should **bear witness to the truth**. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” John 18:37
- “Jesus said to him, ‘**I am the way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me’” John 14:6
- “God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son**, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds” Heb 1:1-2
- “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, **with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning**” James 1:17
- “Jesus Christ is the **same yesterday, today, and forever**. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines...” Heb 13:8-9

What The Truth Teaches Us

Man will create his own standard of truth for a variety of reasons

- “Truly, this only I have found: That **God made man upright, But they have sought out many schemes**” Eccl 7:29
- “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; **Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!**” Isaiah 5:20-21
- “For **God is not the author of confusion** but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints” 1 Cor 14:33
- “When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, **another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD** nor the work which He had done for Israel” Judges 2:10
- “In those days there was no king in Israel; **everyone did what was right in his own eyes**” Judges 17:6

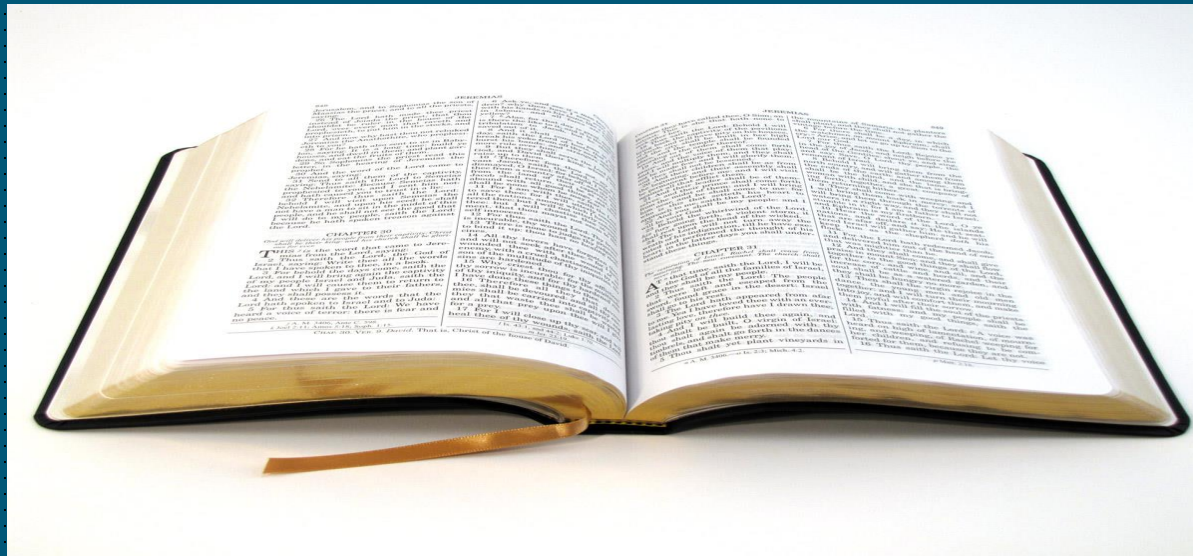
What The Truth Teaches Us

Beware of new or different standards of truth

- “Beware lest anyone **cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit**, according to the **tradition of men**, according to the basic principles of the world, and **not according to Christ**” Col 2:8
- “But even if we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** to you than what we have preached to you, **let him be accursed**. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed” Gal 1:8-9
- “**Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. **Therefore do not be partakers with them**” Eph 5:6-7

Applications

- The threat to the truth is ever present. We must always be on guard
- We cannot modify, redefine, add to or take away from The Truth in any way
- We have a responsibility toward the truth
- We must worship in spirit and truth
- Truth provides stability and is comforting
- There are still many people who are searching for the The Truth



What Must I Do to be Saved?

HEAR: Romans 10:17 – “So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”

BELIEVE: Hebrews 11:6 – “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him”

REPENT: Acts 17:30 – “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent”

CONFESS: Romans 10:10 “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation”

BE BAPTIZED: Mark 16:16 “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned”

LIVE FAITHFULLY: Revelation 2:10b – “... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life”