

**“Truth is in the eye
of the beholder...”**

**Truth is fluid, no
absolute exists;
“Your truth”**

**What is truth?
Jn. 18:37-38**

**Truth cannot be
known for sure -
Agnostic**

**Truth can only be
revealed to select few
- Gnostic**

What is truth?

- **Defined – “a verified or indisputable fact; conformity with fact or reality”**
- **“Alethia” – “that which is absolute truth in every matter under consideration”**
 - Used in John, I,II, and III John more than any other books – John (20), I,II,III John (17)
- **Used in two ways: spiritual truth, and truth in general**

What is truth?

- **What is the nature of spiritual truth?**
 - **John 17:17** – It is the word of God
 - **John 1:1** – Jesus is the Word
 - **John 1:14, 17; 16:13** – It was revealed by Jesus and the Spirit
 - This means that all spiritual truth must come by Jesus Christ, and thus, by the Bible

What is truth?

- **What is contained in it?**
 - **II Thess. 2:13-17** – Love: the full knowledge of Christ and His purpose
 - **Rom. 1:16-18** – The knowledge of right and wrong is found in it (Titus 2:11-12)
 - **Rom. 2:1-2, Jas. 2:12** – Judgment is by it
 - **II Cor. 13:5** – We are to test ourselves...
 - This means that truth must be able to be determined conclusively

What is truth?

- **Truth vs Organized Religion**
 - **The Church – 1 Tim. 3:15**
 - **“Stulos” – “*pillar, support*”**
 - **“Hedraioma” – “*basis of support*”**
 - **The Church is [to be] the embodiment of the truth**
 - **This means truth must be practiced and taught by the church**

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