

50 Bible Verses Everybody Should Know By Heart

Building Blocks of a Biblical Worldview – Part 2

Everyone travels down life's road directed by some moral-spiritual navigational GPS. But are we using something given to us by one of God's creations or do we follow the Creator's direction? God has revealed reality to us through His Word – reality designed to guide us. There's a consistent "Worldview" in the Bible; something that provides for us the BELIEFS we need to embrace regarding 7 issues that taken together provide the "lens" through which we look at life (**The Issues: God, Mankind, Truth, Authority, Values, Ethics, and Hope**). Last lesson, we looked at a key verse regarding what the Bible teaches about **God** and a key verse on what the Bible says about **mankind**. This lesson, we consider another building block of a Biblical worldview: What the Bible teaches about **TRUTH**.

Worldview building block #3: *John 18:37*

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

**** Why is this Verse is important? What is Jesus talking about?**

Do we live in reality as created by God, or reality as we have reconstructed it? TRUTH is that which corresponds to reality.

2 important implications of this verse for us.

1. There IS Truth -- that everyone should believe and embrace.

- ➔ It comes from OUTSIDE ourselves. It is objective and absolute, not originating from us.
- ➔ The world doesn't MAKE, SHAPE, or CHANGE it.
If the goal of language is the communication of reality rather than the manipulation of it, then Truth must be taken at face value.
- ➔ This is THE TRUTH, not something that person – relative.
Jesus doesn't say that His Truth is "a" truth, but THE Truth.

**** What's the problem with relativism?**

It's self-contradictory. When someone says "There is one absolute Truth everybody should believe," they are making a statement they believe to be absolutely true! It's like saying "We will not tolerate intolerance!"

2. Jesus came to TESTIFY to that TRUTH.

- ➔ He AFFIRMED it. Both with His Words and Life.
- ➔ He UNDERSTOOD (stood under) it. Biblically, to "understand" something is to "stand under" its Authority.
- ➔ He STRUCTURED His LIFE by it. (*John 7:17*) Nothing He did or said was out of line with the Truth.
- ➔ He spoke of the FREEDOM it brings. (*John 8:31-32*) Lies mislead and enslave us.
- ➔ He Himself WAS (and is) the very personification of it. (*John 14:6; John 1:14*)
- ➔ He tells us it's what sets us APART from the rest of the world. (***John 17:17***) Our belief in Absolute Truth as given us in God's Word makes us "different" from the rest of the world.