

The Truth of God Demanding a Decision

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- We live in a day and age in which few people believe in absolute truth, yet the Bible emphatically declares itself to be _____.
- *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."* **John 17:17**
- *"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."*
1 Thessalonians 2:13
- Are you committed to the truth of God? Does it impact your daily life, your home, your decisions, and your relationships?
- Every believer must be totally committed to God's truth. Why is this true?

First, because the truth of God is _____

- As Paul taught the truth of God, there were two characteristics that distinguished it from all other teaching. It revolved around:
 - ⇒ The Person of Jesus Christ (the _____ Word)
 - ◇ *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."* **John 14:6**
 - ⇒ The Word of God (the _____ Word)

Second, because the truth of God is

- Paul was passionate about God's truth, and it showed. There was no doubt where he stood. Everybody knew it, and it created a dividing line.
- It divided this group into two camps (vs. 24). There were believers and unbelievers. Those will be the two great divisions for all _____.
- The truth of God is the great _____.
 - ⇒ *"Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: For from henceforth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law."*
Luke 12:51-53
- This is not meant to be a negative, but a positive for the believer. The truth of God creates a clear division in order to _____ the believer.
- The truth of God is the great divider, thereby allowing us to see things for what they really are. 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

As Christians, we do not try intentionally to be divisive, but we must accept the fact that God's truth is naturally a _____ of mankind.