



Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life” (John 14:6)**. The true gospel is built upon Bible truth, **“just as truth is in Jesus.” (Ephesians 4:21 NASB)**. It is not built upon **“a different gospel” (Galatians 1:6)**, or **“a different Jesus” (2 Corinthians 11:4 NLT)**.

In prayer to his Father, Jesus said, **“Your word is truth” (John 17:17)**. Later, **“Jesus”** said to the Roman governor Pontius Pilate, **“I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth” (John 18:36 NLT)**. Many today have the same cynical, skeptical attitude that Pilate had back then. **“‘What is truth?’ Pilate asked” (John 18:37)**. Skepticism notwithstanding, the true gospel is founded upon Bible truth.

Christians therefore are strongly exhorted to be **“accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15 NASB)**. Where is this truth? **“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching” (2 Timothy 3:16 NASB)**. The truth of the gospel is **“the faith that was once for handed down to the holy ones” (Jude 3 NAB)**, in the scriptures, the Bible’s 66 inspired books, and does not need to be supplemented, or changed. Extremely serious warnings are given **“if anyone who adds anything to”** or **“if anyone takes anything from”** the scriptures **(Revelation 22:18,19 GNB)**. God’s gospel of truth is not to be tampered with.

Gospel

“Consequently it is not from sacred Scripture alone that the Church draws her certainty about everything which has been revealed. Therefore both sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture are to be accepted and venerated with the same devotion and reverence.”—Second Vatican Council

The Catholic Church enshrines their tradition as being equal to the inspired scriptures of the Bible. There are some other groups which have somewhat similar views that put their

doctrines, traditions, dogmas, etc., as at least equal to the Bible and its truth. Bible teachings, expositions, and explanations are fine and good, as long as they are not presented as equal to the scriptures themselves.

The true gospel is not built upon **“human traditions”** which **“nullify the word of God”** (**Mark 7:8,13 NIV**), **“man-made ideas”** that **“cancel the word of God”** (**Mark 7:7,13 NLT**), nor upon **“false doctrines”** (**1 Timothy 6:3 NIV**).

“Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David, this is my gospel” (**2 Timothy 2:8 NIV**). The gospel of the Bible is based upon Jesus’ sacrificial death, not **“speculations”** (**2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB**). **“God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood . . . he did it to demonstrate his righteousness . . . so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus”** (**Romans 3:25 NIV**).

Truth

Notice how the New Testament emphasizes “the truth”:

“Every lie is alien to the truth”—1 John 2:21 NAB

“Established in the truth”—2 Peter 1:12 NAB

“Receiving knowledge of the truth”—Hebrews 10:26 NAB

“The word of truth without deviation”—2 Timothy 2:15 NAB; (also see **Ephesians 1:13 NAB; Colossians 1:5 NAB**

“Do not boast and be false to the truth”—James 3:14 NAB

“In line with the truth of the gospel”—Galatians 2:14 NIV; (also see **verse 5**).

“Pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the merely human commands of those who reject the truth”—Titus 1:14 NIV

The True Gospel Keeps To The Scriptures

We are told to **“preach the word” (2 Timothy 4:2)**, not **“speculations” (1 Timothy 1:3 NIV)**. The true gospel does not **“go beyond what is written in Scripture” (1 Corinthians 4:6 GWT)**.

The true gospel does not speculate beyond what the Bible says about Jesus’ return and the end of the world. “False doctrines” which go beyond the scriptures, such as predicting the end of the world, the Trinity, Hellfire, Immortality of the soul, involvement in worldly politics, nationalism, etc, are not part of the true gospel. The true gospel is built exclusively upon Bible truth.