

Romans 1:18-32, 3 John 3-4

"the confusion over truth is the fundamental crisis of our age."

-- Chuck Colson

The Oxford Dictionaries word of 2016

Post-truth = circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal beliefs about politics, people, issues, etc.

Can we know what is true/ what is TRUTH?

YES! If we understand & promote the fundamental idea that truth is OBJECTIVE

Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines OBJECTIVE as an object of thought without consideration of independent existence; a reality independent of the mind, of individual thought.

Is truth SUBJECTIVE - of us - of our nature; based on & influenced by our personal feelings, tastes, and opinions.

> majority rules

> relative to the times, to the mood of the electorate, to circumstances, to political pressure, to backroom deals, to terror, to calls for revolution, and to mob rule, to media bias, to persuasion, to special interest groups, AND to appeals to emotion and personal beliefs in order to influence public opinion.

"Truth in its final analysis, is an aspect of the nature of God Himself." -- Hank Hanegraaff

We can know objective Truth - because we can know God

1. God has revealed Himself to us in **Creation**
2. God has revealed Himself to us in His **written Word**
- Psalm 19
3. God has revealed Himself to us in **the Son - Jesus Christ**

Jesus claims to be the Truth (John's Gospel)

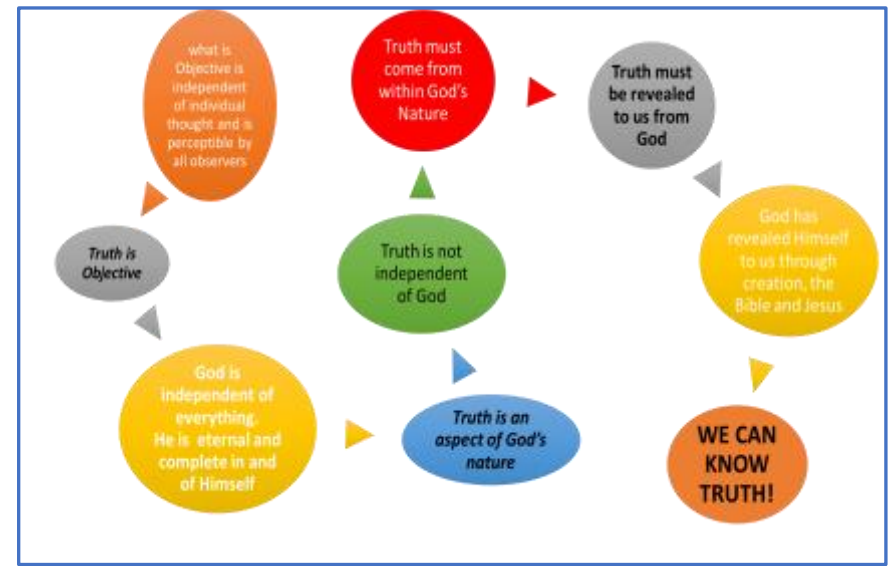
"my testimony is true" (5:32)

"my judgement is true" (8:16)

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (14:6)

"I am the true vine" (15:1)

"Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." (18:37)



This week: read 1 John, 2 John & 3 John