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# Learning Truth in Jesus

## Ephesians 4:20–21



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,**

**Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;**

**Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**

**~NKJV**

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**~RD**

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**But you did not learn Christ in this manner.**

**Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given themselves to antinomianism (immoral relativism), to work toward the goal of all uncleanness with greediness.” ~NKJV**

**ἐργασία *ergasia***

**fem sing acc**

**work, gain, profit**

**“to work toward the goal of ...”**

**ἀκαθαρσία *akatharsia***

**fem sing gen**

**uncleanness**

**πλεονεξία *pleonexia***

**fem sing dat greediness;**

**lust; advantage, avarice**

**Eph. 5:3, “But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;”**

**Col. 3:5, “Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”**

**2 Pet. 2:14, “having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children.”**

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**Learning is the result of teaching.**

**Learning leads to knowing.**

**John 14:5, “Thomas said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?’**

**John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**

**John 14:7, “ ‘If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him.’**

**John 14:8, “Philip said to Him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.’**

**John 14:9, “Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, “Show us the Father”?’ ”**

**1 John 2:3, “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.**

**1 John 2:4, “He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.**

**1 John 2:5, “But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.”**

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# What the Bible Teaches About Truth



**1. The Hebrew word for truth: אֱמֶת 'emet comm fem sing  
abs truth, faithfulness, (dependable, certainty).**

**Ex. 34:6, “And Yhwh passed before him and proclaimed,  
‘*Yhwh*, the *Yhwh El*, merciful and gracious, longsuffering,  
and abounding in goodness and truth,’ ” ~RD**

**Deut. 32:4, “He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.”**

**Josh. 24:14, “Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!”**

**2. Thus the Hebrew Scriptures affirm there is only one truth and that is God's truth.**

**Psa. 25:5, “Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.”**

**Psa. 30:9, “What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?”**

**We are to walk or live by means of God's truth.**

**Psa. 26:3, “For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in Your truth.”**

**God's Truth is the only basis for stability in our lives.**

**Psa. 40:11, “Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me.”**

**Psa. 43:3, “Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your tabernacle.”**

**Psa. 45:4, “And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.”**

**Dan. 9:13, “As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth.”**

**Truth is integral to how God governs the human race.**

**Psa. 89:14, “Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”**

**God's Truth protects us.**

**Psa. 91:4, “He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.”**

**God's Truth is eternal, unchanging.**

**Psa. 100:5, “For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”**

**3. When we come to the Gospels, Jesus is identified with the God of Truth in the Old Testament.**

**John 1:9, “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”**

**John 1:14, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”**

**John 14:6, “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’ ”**

**John 17:17, “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth.”**

**4. It is the normal practice to reject God's truth for personal truth.**

**Rom. 1:18, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,”**

**Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”**

**5. To those who live according to the lie, because they reject the gospel, there are consequences.**

**Rom. 2:8, “but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath,”**

## **6. But God has given us the Scriptures, the Word of Truth.**

**Eph. 1:13, “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”**