

The Attributes of God
Attribute #8 - Truth

1. Truth - It is impossible to think of knowledge and wisdom apart from truth. The Scriptures constantly teach that God is truth and that beside Him all else is perversion, deception, and vanity.
 - A. Ex. 34:6, Num.23: 19, Isa. 65:16,
 - B. John 17:3, Titus 1:2
 - C. Heb. 6:18, I John 5:20-21

2. The Greek word "true" means openness; what is not concealed. The Hebrew word "true" has the primary meaning of that which sustains, which does not fail, or disappoint our expectations. That which is true is:
 - A. That which is real, as opposed to that which is fictitious or imaginary.
 - B. That which completely lives up to its idea, or to that which it purports to be.
 - C. That in which the reality exactly corresponds to the stated or revealed.
 - D. That which we can depend upon, which does not fail, or change, or disappoint.
 - E. Truth is the agreement of what is spoken with the mind of the speaker.

3. The truth of God includes veracity and faithfulness.
 - A. Veracity – in His declaration of things as they are:
 1. Rom 3:4
 - B. Faithfulness – in the fulfillment of His promises and threatenings
 2. Deut. 32:4
 3. 2 Sam. 7:28
 4. Psalm 146:6
 - C. People often err in their testimony because their facts are incorrect and fail through inability to fulfill promises that they have made with honest intentions.
 1. The omniscience of God renders mistakes with Him impossible
 2. His omnipotence and unchangeableness render the fulfillment of His intentions certain

- D. God's word is true because it agrees perfectly with His view of things, and that this view agrees with the actual state of things, results, not from His truth, but from His omniscience.
 - B. His promises are true because they agree precisely with His intentions, and that these intentions are exactly fulfilled, results not from His truth, but from His omnipotence and omnipresence.
- 4. The truth of God may be understood to denote the agreement of all the revelations or manifestations that He has made of Himself, with His mind and His character.
- 5. Uses (applications)
 - A. Because Christ is God, Christ is the truth – John 14:6
 - B. To whom do we listen? - John 18:37
 - C. We are channels of truth –
 - Matt.10: 20
 - Mark 13:11
 - John 7:38
 - 1 Cor.2: 13
 - 1 Peter 4:11
 - 2 Peter 1:21