

Faith Talk

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Honesty
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We live in a postmodern world where all is considered relative; even truth. Something that is an accepted truth for one person is not necessarily true for another. Is there honestly such a thing as ultimate truth?

Yes, there is. The ultimate truth is God's revealed will, also known as the Bible. The Bible shows us that one of the attributes that we must strive for is honesty. Honesty means to be free from deceit. There is much deceit in this world. Often, words are twisted just a bit or some small item of a story is left out or dealings are just a little shady. All of such deceit is done to gain a personal advantage of some kind. The Devil, the father of all lies, loves it when this happens (John 8:44).

The Bible, however, directs us to be defenders and upholders of the truth (Prov 12:22, 13:5; Eph 4:25).

Right relationships require honesty. In our conversations we uphold the truth when we promote the good of our neighbor (any one we meet). How can you love your neighbor if you gossip or speak falsely about him or her?

In order to have a right relationship with the Lord we must first be honest with ourselves. Do we always do what is right? If we compare our way of life to the requirements in the gospel, we will conclude that we fall far short.

Honesty with the Lord is confessing our sin, and looking to Jesus Christ who came to save those who are sorry for doing wrong. "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Faith in Jesus causes us to redirect our lives in service to the Lord out of thankfulness for the salvation that He has given in His Son Jesus Christ. Look to Him.

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