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WHAT IS TRUTH?



³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

JOHN 18:36–38A

37 “You are a king, then!” said Pilate...

JOHN 18:36–38A

³⁷ ...Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

JOHN 18:36–38A

38 “What is truth?” retorted Pilate...

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- **“Truth is what I choose it to be”**

⁶ Jesus answered,
“I am the way and the **truth** and the life...

JOHN 14:6A

Where does **FAITH** fit in?

HEBREWS 11:1 (KJV)

¹¹ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

HEBREWS 11:1 (NASB '77)

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ROMANS 8:24 (NASB '77)

24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees?

HEBREWS 11:13 (NASB '77)

¹³ All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

ROMANS 8:25 (NASB '77)

25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

FAITH is not one-dimensional,
but is **MULTI-DIMENSIONAL**

There are **PAST**, **PRESENT**, and
FUTURE aspects of both

PAST (1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, NASB '77)

¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

PAST (1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, NASB '77)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

PAST (1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-8, NASB '77)

⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

PRESENT (1 CORINTHIANS 1:18, NASB '77)

18 For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who **are being saved** it is the power of God.

FUTURE (1 PETER 1:3-5, NASB '77)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

FUTURE (1 PETER 1:3–5, NASB '77)

5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Biblical faith is
based on **EVIDENCE!**

EXODUS 3:13-14 (NASB '77)

13 Then Moses said to God, “Behold, I am going to the sons of Israel, and I shall say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you.’ Now they may say to me, ‘**What is His name?**’ What shall I say to them?”

EXODUS 3:13-14 (NASB '77)

¹⁴ And God said to Moses, **“I AM WHO I AM”**; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

EXODUS 3:15 (NASB '77)

¹⁵ And God, furthermore, said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name to all generations.

ACTS 1:2B-3 (NASB '77)

² ...He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³ To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering, by **many convincing proofs**, appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

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- Is trust in God for the **PRESENT** and the **FUTURE** based on His **covenantal faithfulness in the PAST.**

HEBREWS 11:6

6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

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