

FINDING FREEDOM

Free from Lies

John 8:31-38

1. The Powerful Lie

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.
~ John 8:34

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children follow the truth. ~ 3 John 1:4

The Lies We Believe

Heresy
Cults
Deception
Sin

The Lies We Tell Ourselves

The Lie of Facades
The Lie Superiority
The Lie of Negativity

The Lies We Tell Others

The Lie of Acceptance
The Lie of Purity

2. God's Idea of Truth

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling! ~ Psalm 43:3

Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being, and You teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ~ Psalm 51:6

Teach me Your way, O LORD, the sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever. ~ Psalm 119:160

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name. ~ Psalm 86:11

3. The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth

The Truth About God
The Truth About Ourselves
The Truth About Others
The Truth about the World

4. We Live in the Truth When We Live in God's Word

We Come to THE Truth

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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ~ John 1:14

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ~ John 1:17

We Accept the Truth's Authority

Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ~ Matthew 7:24

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:13

We Assimilate the Truth

By Reading – *Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. ~ Matthew 4:4*

By Listening – *O today that you would listen to His voice! ~ Psalm 95:7*
My sheep listen to my voice. ~ John 10:27

By Exploring – *I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You. ~ Psalm 119:11*

By Applying – *Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ~ James 1:22*

Conclusion

O God, by Whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: grant us, in all our doubt and uncertainties, the grace to ask what You would have us do, that the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth may save us from all false choices and beliefs, and that in Your light we may see light, and in Your straight paths may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.