

# Authentic Christianity: A Christian Embraces Truth

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2 Timothy 4:3-4

3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

An authentic Christian embraces truth because...

## I. **WHAT WE BELIEVE RESULTS IN LIFE OR DEATH**

DEATH (satan):

John 8:44

[Jesus said the devil] *“was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

Genesis 3:4-5

4 *“You will not surely die,”* the serpent said to the woman. 5 *“For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

LIFE (Jesus):

John 10:10

[Jesus said] *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”*

John 8:31-32

31 ... Jesus said, *“If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

1 Timothy 2:3-4

God our Savior, ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

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## 2. **WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH & SANCTIFIED BY THE WORD OF TRUTH**

John 16:13

[Jesus said] *“... when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”*

John 17:17

[Jesus said] *“Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”*

2 Timothy 3:15

... the holy Scriptures, ... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

... from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

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## 3. **JESUS IS THE TRUTH & HE GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ME**

John 14:6

Jesus answered, *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”*

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:21

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

Matthew 20:28

[Jesus said] *“the Son of Man ... [came] to give his life as a ransom for many.”*