

**5-22-16 Message**  
**WHAT IS TRUTH?**  
**Unit 1 Day 2**

**Introduction:**

- Truth is often viewed as r\_\_\_\_\_
- 1. Jesus stated to Pilate that He came to bear witness to the t\_\_\_\_\_.  
Pilate responded, “What is truth?” and walked away as if it were unanswerable (Jn 18:37,38)
- 2. Our culture today sees truth as relative.
- Jesus declared \_\_\_\_\_ as the truth (Jn 14:6)
- 1. The truth is not a c\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. The truth is a p\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 1:14; Jn 17:17)
- This message covers **Unit 1, Day 2**
- 1. Many Christians tend to r\_\_\_\_\_ on other authorities to determine truth.
- 2. Most Christians interpret the Bible through their traditions, philosophies, and experiences and in so doing miss out on e\_\_\_\_\_ the Truth, our Lord.

**The Danger of Tradition (Mk 7:6-8)**

- Is all tradition bad?  Yes  No
- List some traditions that we observe as a church
- When does tradition become wrong?
- 1. The Pharisees had a tradition of washing their hands before eating in order to make them spiritually c\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. It was taught t\_\_\_\_\_ something that a non-Jewish person touched made you spiritually unclean.
- 3. Tradition becomes wrong when it becomes a d\_\_\_\_\_
- Warning – when you f\_\_\_\_\_ on tradition rather than God’s word or Christ, then **Mark 7** applies to you.

**The Danger of Philosophy (Col 2:8)**

- How prevalent was philosophy in the apostle Paul’s day?
- Not very prevalent  Somewhat prevalent  very prevalent
- List some philosophies that have adversely influenced the Christian faith?
- 1. E\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1:1,2)
- 2. The Bible as being i\_\_\_\_\_ by God (2 Tim 3:16)
- 3. Health and wealth as a measure of s\_\_\_\_\_ - (Job 1,2; Jn 9:1,2)

## **The Danger of Experience (Col 2:18)**

- Is it possible to be deceived by a “supernatural experience”
  1. V \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 2:18)
  2. A message from an a \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 1:8)
  3. What if someone performed “miracles” and told you to go against Christ? (2 Cor 11:4; 2 Thess 2:9)
- How many times have “bad experiences” pushed a person to go against the Bible? “I’ll never go to church again!” (Heb 10:24,25)
- Even our own s \_\_\_\_\_ must be interpreted by God’s word.

## **Conclusion:**

- The test of truth is never to be tradition, philosophy, or experience but the w \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Henry Blackaby states that many times we ask the wrong question, like “What is God’s w \_\_\_\_\_ for my life?”
  1. **Matt 4:8-11** – the fisherman did not respond to Jesus command to follow Him with concerns about themselves (what about our nets? Our business? Our finances? Our families?) – their focus was on C \_\_\_\_\_
  2. **Jn 5:17-20** – Jesus did only what He saw the F \_\_\_\_\_ doing (He did nothing on His own initiative)
- The better question to ask is simply what is God’s w \_\_\_\_\_?
  1. Answer – follow C \_\_\_\_\_; live by His w \_\_\_\_\_; adjust to Him!
  2. What is your response?