

## **“What is Truth?” ( \*YAWN\* )**

Upon hearing the screech of tires from their second story office, coworkers Roger and James rushed to the window. They both saw the end of a hit-and-run accident. They made themselves available to the police as witnesses.

After Roger and James gave their separate statements to the police, they compared notes relating what they had seen and reported to the police. Their stories were almost exactly the same, except the color of the car that sped away after the accident. Roger said it was dark blue; James, dark green.

What is truth? ( \*YAWN \* )

For many people the question, “What is truth,” and the discussion that follows is wearisome. It has little practical value; it is more theological or philosophical. Many people seem to be more like the despairing Pilate who appeared to have found the question of truth exhausting.

But wait...Jesus said:

**“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me.” (John 14:6)**

If we claim that we are like Christ; if we claim to follow Jesus, shouldn't we be interested in truth?

The Apostle Paul, when writing to Timothy, referred to the household of God:

**“...which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:15)**

Recognizing that *we* (Christians) are the household of God, the church, then ‘we’ are “the pillar and support of the truth.”

It is tempting to ask: “What does that verse mean to you?” Yet ‘my’ perception of things

throws us back into the illustration at the beginning. Truth is not dependent upon my point of view. The car was either dark blue, dark green, or some other color that neither Roger nor James perceived.

Perception **never** establishes truth. In a word, truth is ‘reality.’ Truth exists independent of you and me and our perceptions. Truth can stand on its own.

I happen to know that the car that sped away in the accident was dark gray. You see, a policeman saw what happened from a block away and caught the driver. Reality: Dark gray car.

We must never look at scripture with the naïve question, “What does that mean to you.” Rather we must ask, “What does it mean?” Perceptions are subjective and can be misleading when they are incorrect. So, what does it really mean that the church is “the pillar and support of the truth”? Whatever it means, shouldn't we be interested in truth?

The Apostle John encouraged his readers:

**If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (1 John 1:6)**

Have you ever thought of truth as something that is *practiced*, not simply a fact of reality?

There is no question here; we **MUST** be interested in truth. Our spiritual lives depend on it.

I hope you will look forward to the next few articles on ‘truth’ which will consider the three scriptures in this article. If you miss one of the articles in the bulletin, check out our website:

<http://www.quincychurch.com/>

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