

“Tough Questions About Christianity Part 2”

Lesson Text: **1 Peter 3:15**. We must be ready to answer the “tough questions.”

– Tough questions do come: Paul- **Acts 25:17-20**.

III. How Can Anyone Say They Know The Truth?

– **Assumptions:** No one can know which religious beliefs are true or false, so Christians can't say they know what's true and what's not. Truth is relative.

– **Challenge:** Relativism is the belief that we cannot know what is true. Here's the problem: Take the statement, we cannot know what is true. This statement would have to be true for relativism were correct. But relativism says we cannot know if anything is true or false, thus relativism is self-refuting.

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

- Truth Is Defined By What Agrees To The Facts And Reality.
- $2 + 2 = 4$; $4 + 4 = 8$... Mathematics Have Facts And Based In Real Numbers— Not Relative!
- The Same Is True With The Doctrine of Christ- **2 John 9-11**.
- **John 18:37-38; John 17:17; Romans 1:25; Ephesians 4:25**.
- How Do we Know The Truth- **John 8:31-32; Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 John 4:1**.
- **Consequences:** False Teaching = To Truth; No One Could Be A False Teacher.
- Sadly, One Of The Tactics Of Error Is To Accuse Of Arrogance— To Say We Have The TRUTH.

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IV. Why Be A Christian, When There Are So Many Hypocrites In The Church?

- **Assumptions:** Churches are full of people who say one thing and do another. They say they care about others, but they really only care about themselves.
- **Challenge:** The word *hypocrite* comes from a Greek word for a “stage actor.” Hypocrisy is when people put on an act like they measure up to some standard of righteousness or goodness, when in reality they fall short. Jesus didn't mince words when He confronted the religious hypocrisy of His day- **Matthew 23:27-28**. These are tough words from Jesus meant to jar the religious leaders out of their false notion that they measured up much better than everyone else.

^^ How Would You Answer The Question?

- “Too Many Hypocrites In The Church” Is One Of Satan's Favorite Myths To Keep People Out Of The Church, And From Even Trying To Obey God's Will (**Matthew 7:21**).
- It Is Based On The Prejudice And Bias Of The World Toward Christians. (**John 15:18-19**).
- Now We Freely Admit That There Are People Who Only Pretend To Be A Christian, And Are Hypocrites— But NOT ALL ARE!
- **John 6:70; John 12:4-6**; Compare To Peter- **Matthew 26:75; Galatians 2:6-14**.
- The Problem Is With The World's Definition Of A Hypocrite.... Anyone Who Has Ever Sins Is One!
- Hypocrites are Those Who Pretend Only— No Honesty, Repentance, Or True Obedience.
- **Proverbs 28:13; John 9:41**.
- What If We Let “Too Many Hypocrites In The Church” Stop Us From Obeying God?

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