



# Truth Is Still Truth

Society is absolutely sure  
there is no absolute truth.

Jn.18

# I. Truth Exists

Reality . . . Authentic

# Jn.1:14, 17

All truth is God's

Saving truth: only through Jesus

- Jn.6:66-68
- Jn.14:6

# Jn.3:21

Requires us to *do* truth

- Jn.4:24, worship is *doing* truth

# Jn.8:31-32

“But this promise is based on a  
Person, not the Word”

Sanctify: to purify internally by  
reformation of soul: Jn. 17:17, 19  
(through knowledge of the truth,  
cf. Jn. 8:32) – Thayer

See Jn.8:31

# Jn.16:13

**Guide:**  
Authoritative

**You:**  
Selective

**All:**  
Comprehensive

**Truth:**  
Exclusive

# Jn.17:17

Word = Truth

Not: Christians, churches,  
religious authorities . . .

Other books give information;  
the Word:

Information

Transformation

Salvation

Sanctification

# **Jn.18:37-38**

Why He came: Truth

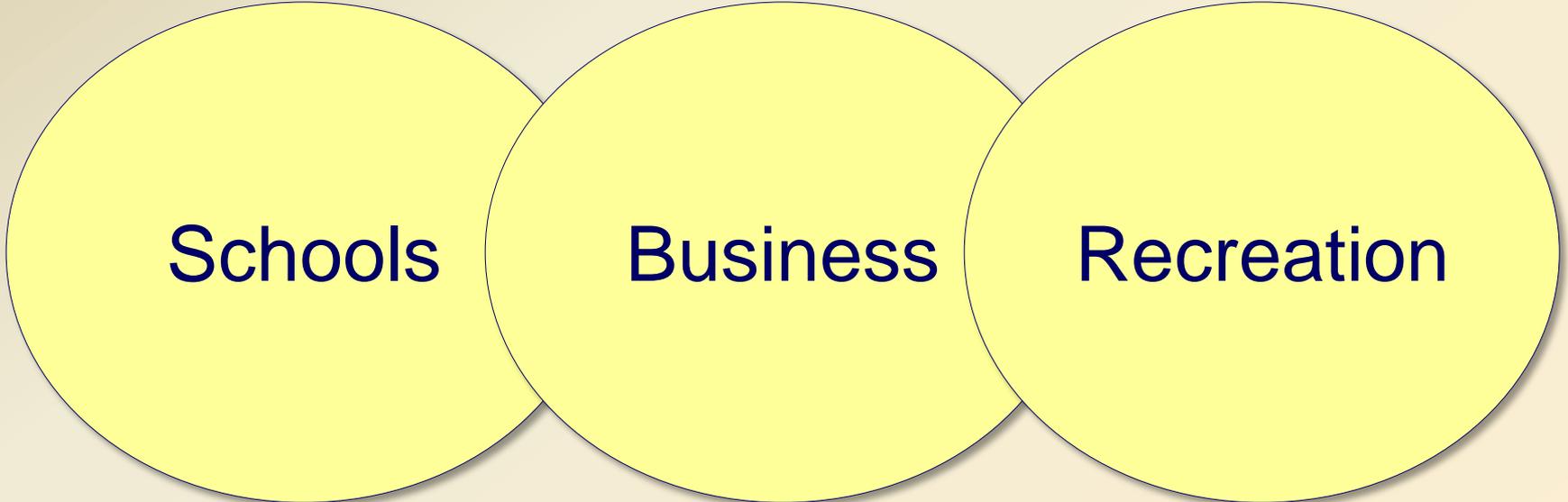
Pilate dismisses it, but . . .

I. Truth Exists

**II. Truth Exists In Spite  
of our Failures**

# 1. Church scandal, Acts 5:1-11

- “Hypocrites in the church”



Schools

Business

Recreation

- Did Judas destroy influence of Jesus? Peter...?

## 2. Church neglect, Acts 6:1-7

- “Don’t you believe in helping people?”
- “Worldly organizations do better than you”
  - A Christian is not perfect. Ph.3:12;  
1 Jn.1:8, 10
  - Acts 10:22

### **3. Church fighting, Acts 15:1-2**

- Church must defend the gospel (truth) Ph.1:7, 16 [17]
- Ac.22:1, defense of Savior

## 4. Church immorality,

### 1 Co.5:1

1 Tim.6:1; Tit.2:5

- People have right to be indignant over hypocrisy . . . this does not deny existence of truth
- **It affirms standard of truth that someone broke**
- People defend immorality elsewhere
- Gal.2:11-14

## 5. Church discipline,

### 1 Co.5:2-13

- Lovers of sin say discipline is harsh ('hard saying')
- Hard part is sinners' fault, Pr.13:15

Good understanding gains favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard (NKJV)

Good sense wins favor, but the way of the treacherous is their ruin (ESV)

- Designed to save – 1 Co.5:5, 8

## 6. Church apostasy, Rv.3:1-5 . . . 15-17

- Endings of letters = Jn.16:13
- 'True' ten times in Revelation.  
E.g.: 3:7, 14

Sterling (of  
standard pureness)

Real; trustworthy;  
genuine. Facts...

## 6. Church apostasy,

**Rv.3:1-5 . . . 15-17**

Apostates received **knowledge of the truth** (Hb.10:26), then fell...

- **turn ears from truth** (2 T.4:4)
- **heed Jewish fables & commandments of men who turn from truth** (Tit.1:1)
- **wander from the truth** (Ja.5:19)

# Summary:

2 Jn.1-2

Scandal  
Neglect  
Fighting  
Immorality  
Discipline  
Apostasy

*"...because of  
the truth  
which abides  
in us and  
will be with us  
forever"* (2 Jn.6)