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Absolute Truth

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Absolute truths are principles of right and wrong that are true regardless of who you are, what your situation is, or the day in which you live (when). They are things that are true regardless of who, what or when!

Pity the person that believes that there are no absolute truths! Pity the one that believes that right and wrong are relative to the individual or the circumstance. These have no spiritual compass to guide them when making life changing decisions. They have no spiritual rock to support them when their world shakes fiercely around them; they have nothing to cling to to preserve them from the waves of temptation.

Yes, pity these, but also fear them! Those who reject the absolute quality of truth have no real conscience of right and wrong. Right and wrong is determined by their current situation, or rather, what is convenient at the moment. Taken to the extreme, this means that if hurting you seems right to them and for them, so be it!

Good reader, I have found the source of absolute truth! It is the Holy Bible; God's inspired written word! Jesus testified: "thy word is truth"; God's word!

When I face situations that are new to me, I read the Holy Bible and find infallible instructions, perfect guidance to help me make right decisions. Truly I have found the source of truth! When my situation becomes chaotic and uncertain, these Holy Scriptures are a rock that keeps ME stable; they are a firm and unchanging foundation. When I am tempted with pleasures that destroy men's lives, having this unchanging and eternal law is the perfect resistance! When my allegiance to men might falter, my allegiance to God keeps me faithful.

Are you drifting spiritually? Do you have nothing to guide you? Do you have no "point of reference" to keep you on track? Does life seem unstable? Let me point you to the absolute truth of the Holy Bible! Be assured, the clear direction you need and desire is found there!

Jesus said, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rains descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock";

Matthew 7:24-25.

Love Lifted Me

James Rowe

I was sinking deep in sin,
Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within,
Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me,
Now safe am I.

All my heart to Him I give,
Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live,
Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true
Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too,
To Him belongs.

Souls in danger, look above,
Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by his love
Out of the angry waves,
He's the Master of the sea,
Billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be -
Be saved today.

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
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Prayer of the Month

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the many blessings you daily bestow on us. Watch over us as we go through our days, and draw each of us ever closer to you. Lead us in the way you would have us to go, and help us to draw others to you and bring the glory to you that is due.

Amen

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Matthew 6:33

Testimonies

As I look back over my life I realize that I have been greatly blessed. I was raised in a godly home with parents that were saved, taught me right from wrong and faithfully took me to church, but I personally needed to repent and receive God's forgiveness. I was very rebellious against God and my parents and was doing things I knew were wrong. When I was around 12 years old, I went to a revival. God dealt with me and as the congregation sang, "Just As I Am", I knelt at an altar and repented of my sins. God instantly forgave me and what joy I felt. A big load had been lifted. Getting saved completely changed my life for the better. I was now doing those things that pleased God and what a peace I had.

Unfortunately when I was 18 years old I let things of the world get hold of me and I ended up going back into sin. What emptiness there was when I turned my back on God after I had once been saved and known his love and forgiveness in my life. What a terrible condition I was in, once again doing things I knew were wrong, and going places I shouldn't. What disappointment and sadness I caused my friends and family as I traded the best things in my life for things of the world. But even worse I was once again rejecting God who had blessed me so and forgiven my sins. But thank God, I had people praying for me and God was merciful to once again deal with my heart and I yielded to him. I learned that the pleasures the world had to offer did not compare to what God had to offer. I can definitely say from experience that the way of the world only brings heartache but God's way is full of happiness and is the best way. God has continued to abundantly bless me even though I don't deserve it and I am very thankful.

Kristy Matthesen
Age 27

Stories for Boys & Girls

Making A Bridge

By: Geneva Garmen (from the Feb. 1999 Remnant)



Greetings, Boys and Girls! I would like to share a story with you about two brothers who lived in a country where it was very cold.

There was a lake of water in their area. During the coldest season, the water in the lake became icy. As the water froze it became thick enough for people to walk and skate on. Finding the ice thick and safe enough to skate on, the brothers decided to skate all the way across the lake.

Mother enjoyed watching the boys skate on the ice and waited to see how long it would take them to skate across the lake. While crossing the lake, the boys came to a small crack in the ice. They did not want to take foolish chances and stopped to decide what was best to do. Mother was too far away to help them decide, but she began to pray when she saw them stop. She prayed they would be safe in whatever they were doing.

The ice at the crack was thick and safe to cross, but the oldest brother wanted to be sure his little brother crossed safely. He lay down across the crack in the ice and became a bridge for his brother to walk across the crack. The older brother had experience in ice cracks and used this as a lesson for his little brother. He was teaching him to pay attention to dangers around him and take the necessary action when you come to them.

Jesus is our bridge from earth to Heaven. He laid down his life for us so that the plan of SALVATION would be possible for us to understand and enjoy.

If you have fallen in the "cracks" of sin, ask Jesus to forgive you. He will forgive you! He will give you the desire and ability to never sin again.

Accept the "bridge of deliverance" that Jesus made for you and me. You can "skate" through life with the help of the Lord. You will be able to recognize the dangers of sin and avoid the results that go with sinning.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world (people), that He gave his only begotten Son (Jesus), that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

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Service Times:

Wednesday Prayer Meeting	7:00p.m.
Sunday School	9:30a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30a.m.
Sunday Young People's Service	4:45p.m.
Sunday Children's Service	5:00p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00p.m.

We have literature available for those who would like to study the Word of God in the confines of their home. Let us know if you are interested by contacting us at the above telephone number, address, or website.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psalms 119:105

