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### **1 Peter 1:22**

***Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart (NASB)***

**John 8:31-36**

***<sup>31</sup> So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;***

***<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."***

***<sup>33</sup> They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, 'You will become free'?"***

***<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.***

***<sup>35</sup> "The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.***

***<sup>36</sup> "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.***

***Romans 6:22***

***But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.***

### **John 8:31-32**

- **To be made free you need to know the truth**
- **To know the truth, you must be a disciple of Jesus**
- **To be a disciple of Jesus, you must continue in His Word.**



# truth

[trʊθ]

Synonyms Examples Word Origin

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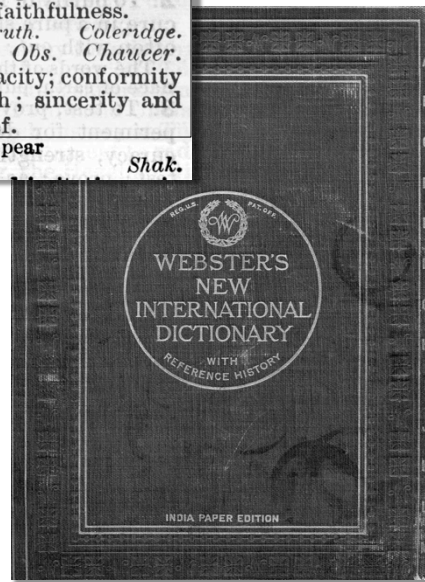
**NOUN, plural truths** [trʊθz, trʊθs] /truðz, truθs/.

1. the true or actual state of a matter:  
*He tried to find out the truth.*
2. conformity with fact or reality; verity:  
*the truth of a statement.*
3. a verified or indisputable fact, proposition, principle, or the like:  
*mathematical truths.*

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**truth** (trōōth), *n.*; *pl.* TRUTHS (trōōthz; trōōths). [ME. *treuthe, trouthe, treowpe*, AS *tréowð*. See TRUE; cf. TROTH, BETROTH.] **Quality or state of being true; hence:**

1. Fidelity; constancy; steadfastness; faithfulness.  
*Whispering tongues can poison truth. Coleridge.*
2. Troth; pledge; agreement; promise. *Obs. Chaucer.*
3. Sincerity; genuineness; specif.: **a** Veracity; conformity to truth in character, action, and speech; sincerity and genuineness in expressing feeling or belief.  
*If this will not suffice, it must appear That malice bears down truth. Shak.*





## **By Definition, Jesus is Truth**

- **fidelity (trustworthiness):** (*Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart..*)
- **constancy:** (*Hebrews 13:8 - Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*)
- **steadfastness:** (*2 Thessalonians 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.*)
- **faithfulness:** (*1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

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**John 14:6**

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.**

**John 17:17**

**"Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is Truth."**

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**John 5:33** *You sent to John, and he has borne witness to (Jesus Christ) the truth.*

**John 8:32** *and you will know (Jesus Christ) the truth, and (Jesus Christ) the truth will make you free."*

**Galatians 5:7** *You were running well; who hindered you from obeying (Jesus Christ) the truth?*

## **Truth Is To Be Obeyed**

**Romans 2:8** *but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, (God will render) wrath and indignation.*

**1 Peter 1:22** *Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart,*

## Greek Words Translated As “Love”

**Storge** - familial love, cherishing kindred; loving affection; think the love of a parent has for their child

**Eros** - romantic, sensual, or passionate love (the English word “erotic” has its basis in this word). Eros was the Greek god of attraction & desire. The Roman equivalent was Cupid.

## Storge & Eros

Neither “*storge*” or “*eros*” appear in biblical texts. The opposite of *storge* (*astorgos*) however, appears in Romans 1:31 and in 2 Timothy 3:3. The Greek word *astorgos* means “without love, devoid of affection, without affection to kindred, hard-hearted, unfeeling,”

Referring to the ungodly and unrighteous men Romans 1:31 says they are, among other things, “without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving (*astorgos*), unmerciful;” (Think hard-hearted towards kindred.)

## Greek Words Translated As “Love”

***Phileo*** - brotherly love, fondness, friendship, to delight in (Think Philidelphia)

## Greek Words Translated As “Love”

***Agape (n) &***

***Agapeo (v)*** - often misidentified as “Godly love”, “selfless love” or “charity.” While *agape* does refer to these things, it is not limited to just these things. *Agapeo* also applies in some instances to inwardness and selfishness.

**Luke 11:43**

***"Woe to you Pharisees! For you love (agapeo) the chief seats in the synagogues and the respectful greetings in the market places.***

**John 3:19**

***"This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved (agapeo) the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.***

***Agape (agapeo) is the only one of the four Greek words translated as love that is not an emotion.***

***It is a decision. It is an act of the will. This word therefore could more reliably be rendered as *totally given over to* or *devoted to*.***

**Hebrews 10:22-25**

- <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
- <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;
- <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,
- <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

**Why Do We Come Together?**

According to this passage, the primary purpose as to why we are to assemble together as a body of believers is to ***“encourage one another to love and good deeds!”***

***It is a call to action for believers.***

## Getting Back to Hebrews 10:24

**Hebrews 10:24** ...and let us consider how to stimulate (Greek *paroxysmos*) one another to love and good deeds,

Paroxysm = synonyms for this word are convulsion, fit, spasm; stimulation in this context is **not** a gentle encouragement...more of a jolt! **(Think of it as a kick in the pants!)**

## Love and Good Deeds

From a practical point of view, practicing love goes well beyond warm feelings, desires, and emotions. Practicing love entails getting physical with our faith and actually doing something.

It is extremely important to also remember that it's not just the action associated with doing the good deed. It also encompasses the attitude behind the activity which is known only to the person and God. (Are you doing the good deed to be seen of others or are you doing it to serve God?)

**Matthew 6:2** “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

**Matthew 6:5** “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

**Matthew 6:16** “Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

## God looks at the heart (1 Sam 16:7)

**Romans 6:17**

*But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,*

**Ephesians 6:5-6**

*Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; <sup>6</sup> not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.*

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### **Practicing our love through our good works. What's the big deal?**

- Practicing love by performing good works is how God gets glorified: Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 9:13; I Peter 2:12
- Practicing love by performing good works is the believer's fruit: Matthew 3:8, 10; Luke 3:8, 10-11; Colossians 1:10; Titus 3:14

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- Practicing love by performing good works is the way a believer manifests repentance: Luke 3:8, 10-11; Titus 3:14; Acts 26:20
- Practicing love by performing good works is the way a believer's faith is perfected: James 2:22
- Practicing love by performing good works is the way believers overcome their evil nature; Romans 12:21

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- Practicing love by performing good works is the way a believer pleases God:  
Hebrews 13:16
- Practicing love by performing good works is the way a believer knows he or she is of God:  
1 John 2:3, 29; 1 John 3:7, 10, 18-19; 3 John 11

## **Practicing our love through our good works. What's the big deal?**

- Practicing love by performing good works are what we were created for: Ephesians 2:10
- Practicing love by performing good works is required of believers in order to have a relationship with God:  
John 14:23-24; Acts 5:32

**John 15:13**

***“Greater love (agape) has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.***

**Romans 12:1-2**

***<sup>1</sup> Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, [which is] your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.***

