

# Red Letter Edition

*What did Jesus Say?*

## On Truth (Part One)

Our society today is suffering from the concept of relative truth. When absolute truth is replaced with relative truth (your truth, my truth), the foundation for law is broken. The resulting lawlessness is present not just in our society, but in our homes and in our lives. What is our God's plan for us? Recently the series "**On the Law**" presented a Scriptural foundation for life, good life, but can we live under the law, applied universal law, law that is equal and just without truth? When good decisions are made individually, family and all society benefits; with this goal in mind, let's delve into this series "**ON TRUTH**".

One must first decide for themselves whether or not truth is important, not just generically important as to all but specifically important to oneself.

Truth is the axis upon which all evaluation must turn. Anything else becoming the axiom and this argument turns to a matter of preference. Let me make it clear that my preference and convictions are as different from one another as are my delight and duty. This is not a matter of what one wants. What one wants should have been given up the same hour that submission to Christ was encountered.

### *What is Truth?*

That is a question that has plagued thinkers for centuries. An honest critique of pure reason says that we are ultimately incapable of discovering truth from a pure untainted and unbiased framework. But that is not the criterion upon which we are about to build. I propose to build a simple basis for truth that is probably as elusive but at least one will find it well within reach. That criterion is this: Does it make good solid sense? Is it true and logical in the sense that two plus two is four? Think more in terms of a truth table than a philosophical position. The dictionary defines it as, "The property of being in accord with fact, reality or integrity. This is our aim here.

A lot of time has been wasted trying to discover the answer to begged questions. "What is Truth?" The question itself presupposes several items. 1) That Truth is 2) that Truth is definable 3) that truth is a thing as opposed to a person or a place. The first and second are acceptable but the third is not. Because Jesus said, "I am the way the TRUTH and the life", I have no option here but to insist that the question be corrected to ask, "Who is Truth". Or more perfectly, said as an imperative command such as, "Define Truth", which would presuppose the first two items only.

Look at what the Scriptures state concerning Truth:

- **Jesus embodied Truth** -- John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.
- **Jesus brought Truth** -- John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
- **Jesus taught that we are to worship in Truth** -- John 4:23-24 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- **He also taught that we would be freed by Truth** -- John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

- ***Jesus taught it was a fundamental difference between us and the children of the world*** -- John 8:43-45 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.
- ***Truth was exclusive to Christ*** -- John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- ***The Spirit of Truth will dwell in us*** -- John 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

***Jesus' purpose was to call us by our recognition of the Truth He spoke*** -- John 18:37b To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. John 18:38 Pilate saith unto him, **What is truth?**

If Pontius Pilate could ask such a question with the answer bound in chains before him, we are certainly capable of being misguided in our efforts to discover the truth for ourselves. May God grant us mercy in our search for Truth.

It is obvious that the Spirit of God, graciously sent to us, can be easily recognized by His bearing, and ministry of leading us to the Truth. And we recall the Apostle said, "I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 1 John 2:21

***I now feel we can safely make some principle points here in our pursuit of Truth.***

- 1) Jesus is Truth embodied. There is no deceit, lie, or falseness in Him.
- 2) The Holy Spirit guides one to Truth. Thus given to us is an ability to be guided by and into Truth. Conversely there must be a danger of being misguided.
- 3) One may be placed into Truth by a desirous Father and from this state comes true worship. Thus given to us is an ability to worship in Truth. Conversely there must be a false worship to be avoided.
- 4) Truth may be placed into us. Thus given to us is an ability to hear and accept Truth. There must conversely be a danger of being deafened to and ultimately reject Truth.

***Something to consider.***

More next time...

Friendly,

***Don C. Harris***

Sometimes there's LIVE preaching...(on [YouTube](#) - are you a subscriber?)



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Top chat

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- Think Red Ink Ministries Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. James 4
- Think Red Ink Ministries ... Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.
- Think Red Ink Ministries Jeremiah 3
- Think Red Ink Ministries Now concerning death, ...as the spirit leaves the body to return again to him who gave it, first of all it adores the glory of the Most High.
- Think Red Ink Ministries 2 Esdras 7:77
- Think Red Ink Ministries WWCR - "Words of Jesus Series" on shortwave

Say something...

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- "THE CHOSEN" an episodic production of the gospel story produced by Dallas Jenkins. [Watch The Chosen Trailer \(below\)](#). This is a crowd funded project. You can participate. Season One is available on YouTube and in DVD. [Season One: Episode One](#) I can't stop watching!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.):

- International friends: Due to postal restrictions in many parts of the world we can no longer mail packages or letters outside the US.
- Please avail yourselves of TRI Ministries online ministry items at [www.thinkredink.com](http://www.thinkredink.com).
- [Register](#) to receive the electronic monthly [RLEzine](#) to stay informed.
- Many programs are available on the [Think Red Ink Ministries YouTube Channel](#).

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## NEW PROGRAMS ON [THINKREDINK.TV](http://THINKREDINK.TV):

- "**BEYOND TODAY**" - TRI recently received permission to air the "**BEYOND TODAY**" 28:30 messages which are produced by the United Church of God. It is our plan that these programs will be aired before the **Red Letter Edition LIVE! show on First-day (9:00 am MT)**.
- "**HOW SHOULD WE THEN LIVE**" by Francis A. Scheffer - Ten Episodes on history.

When will these programs air? Ah, there's a slight problem. We do not have the finances or staff for a scheduling program to tell you a set time. On occasion, I will send a notification, if you are a Twitter Follower. Otherwise, you will just have to check in at [ThinkRedInk.tv](http://ThinkRedInk.tv). **Whatever you find on the air, you will not be disappointed.**

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"...he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." John 10

# Hey, Don...

**INTERNET THINKER:** I am interested in doing what is right before the Lord. I have a question about the commandments> *Can you, please tell me which commandments we have to follow?* I have read that many of the commandments in the OT were for an agrarian community, or for a people who lived more than 2000 years ago. Are we called to live according only to the 10 Commandments, or are there other commands in the OT we are called to live [by]? Please let me know. I desire to live according to how the Lord Jehovah wants me to live and not fail him. May the Lord bless you all;

**REPLY FROM DON:** You don't mention how you became acquainted with Think Red Ink Ministries, but I know we have a common purpose – doing what is right before the LORD. I will give you my opinion, but the truth you already know. The Lord wrote His law (10 commandments) in stone. Moses interpreted these commandments for the people of Israel (the people not having the Spirit of God to lead them) in the Deuteronomy (second law). As you indicate many of those instructions are not applicable today; however, the OT is full of rulings that indicate the personality of our God and are worthy of our study. The ten commandments are referred to by Jesus on four occasions in three gospels as being the path to eternal life. Jesus said, if you keep my commandments, the Father and I will come into you and lead and guide you into all truth.

The 10 commandments are the starting place for us – from there the Spirit will lead us with understanding regarding things that are personal and relevant to our day. As you go, you will see the connection between the old and new treasures in the Scriptures. My advice is 1) Keep the 10 Commandments (all of them); 2) Take time every day to hear the voice of God; and 3) Never, ever violate your conscience. Please do stay in touch.

PS. Remember the LORD could have written as many commandments as He wanted to. He wrote ten. I need not wonder therefore how many commandments there are.

PSS. You will find many free online resources at the [Think Red Ink Ministries YouTube channel](#).

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**THINKER IN NEW MEXICO:** I am very interested in viewing some of your videos or hearing some audios from your site, but Flash Player will not work for me. I am extremely busy caring for an elderly parent and do not have the time or tech understanding to figure this out. Is there perhaps another way i can see/hear your info online? I watched you often on GLC years ago and always found your info of extreme interest. I would love to know more. Are there perhaps transcripts of any audio/videos already available? I do not wish to make any more work for anyone. Thank you so much.

**REPLY FROM DON:** Sorry for the Flash Player problem. We are in the process of updating the website. In the meantime, here's some options for you:

1. We have a program titled "The Words of Jesus Series" playing on GLC at 10:30 CT AM and 10:30 PM (Monday-Friday), if you are able to access GLC on TV, ROKU or Internet.
2. The Words of Jesus Series is also broadcast on KAZQ-32 in Albuquerque, NM at 3:00 PM (Monday-Friday with a Bonus show on Sunday)
3. We have a streaming internet video broadcast at <http://www.ThinkRedInk.tv>
4. Many of my produced programs are now available on [YouTube: Think Red Ink Ministries Channel](#)
5. We have an app "TRI Radio" which is available for Smartphone's. The App is FREE (no ads). This app plays the TRI Radio Stream, plus other features.
6. Do you receive the monthly RLEzine from Think Red Ink Ministries?

Please let me know if you need further assistance.

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**THINKER IN TEXAS:** You should know that I make available to travelers my home. That is 'friends' of G\_D that need rest, facilities, water; even a gallon or two of gas (I usually keep that much for my lawn mower). I live [omitted] ... Seems that "almost made it to F.S." happens quite often; or "forgot to 'fill-up'/use 'rest-room' ", before leaving town. If you have friends that are passing, coming or going, please allow them my number 'just in case'. My work schedule in town is: 8-5 Mon-Fri. Off many 'Holidays'. This not for glory nor money. Thank you for your time:

PS.You should have on file.

**REPLY FROM DON:** Noted and on file. Thank you.

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**THINKER IN NEW MEXICO:** Hi Don, just a quick note - I've never received the Parable Paradox, and I actually had forgotten I ordered it until I was deleting older e-mails. Thanks!

**REPLY FROM DON:** Thanks for letting me know. We will get the DVD mailed to you. You may be interested in videos we have posted at [Think Red Ink Ministries YouTube](#) channel. It is great to hear from our listeners. Please keep in touch. Let me know if you would like to be added to our email list for a monthly newsletter.

**THINKER IN NEW MEXICO:** ...Thanks for reaching out, and yes, I'd like the monthly newsletter. Appreciatively.

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Thanks for requesting our materials. It is our joy to follow the red words (the words of Jesus), "...freely give".. We have video programming 24/7 at [www.thinkredink.tv](http://www.thinkredink.tv) with a chat room where you can get acquainted. We hope you enjoy being part of our TRI family.

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## ThINKer's Thoughts...

How are you folks doing? Do you have any needs? Thoroughly enjoyed the barrage of TRI weekday edition. Made my head spin. Just finished reading the book Think Red Ink. Amazin! Have someone in mind to pass it to. Thank you folks for your service.

~ Internet ThINKer

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I've been catching some of your programs, and you keep saying, "Write me," and I keep intending to write, but it ain't been happenin' and I suppose I can't keep blaming the corona virus, so here's your note. So hey, is it weird enough for you yet? Of course, lock down for me is no big deal. As I've alluded to before, because of Satan throwing trucks at me, 5 of the last 7 years have been a lockdown situation for me anyway, so I've not got the cabin fever thing going on. Whatever the Lord has next on the list for me, I'm fine with being along for the ride. I know He won't take me anywhere that He doesn't have my back. ...I do think of you guys often and pray things are going well with you, despite the weirdness. But I know and you know, it's just going to get weirder. Don't stress over it. I've always kinda felt I bought this ticket for this event in advance so I could see how it goes. I don't have to think about it, stress about it, worry my life away over it - all I have to do is pay attention. The rest will come. Don'tcha think? ... God Bless you and your ministry.

~ ThINKer in NM

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Greetings from the Ozark plateau. I'm on the TRI app right now, 1st day, June 7th, 2020. I don't know whether the program is live today or not, but there are people listening. At least I'm listening, and I tell others about your show. Excellence in broadcasting... and that because of the TRUTH you speak. You've shown me the fact that I may not always have what I want, but I always have what I need. And that never fails! I'm praying for your well-being but I know we all share at least one thing, and the hope for the resurrection. Know that you have had a profound effect on me and my family, and have made plain that we need no one but Christ. And shown us how to shut up when we pray and learn to HEAR. Thank you Don

~ ThINKer in MO

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Trying to catch your program every morning at 10:30 [CT GLC]- love it. Thanks for your unique insight into the stories in the Word. Blessings - health, strength, peace and joy - in the name of Jesus!

~ ThINKer in TX

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Today's GLC program was the most beautiful EVER! I am so glad He ransomed me!

~ ThINKer in OH

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[Re: Pentecost 2020 Zoom Meeting]:

I don't know what to say. I'm so grateful for you. Thank you Don. Thank you all.

~ ThINKer

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Thanks for the LIVE YouTube show on First Day. ...you did well!

~ ThINKer in TX

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Thank you for keeping in touch. It means a great deal to me! I look forward to meeting you and all ThinkRedInkers some day - SOON! Friendly and with much love in our Messiah.

~ ThINKer in S. Africa

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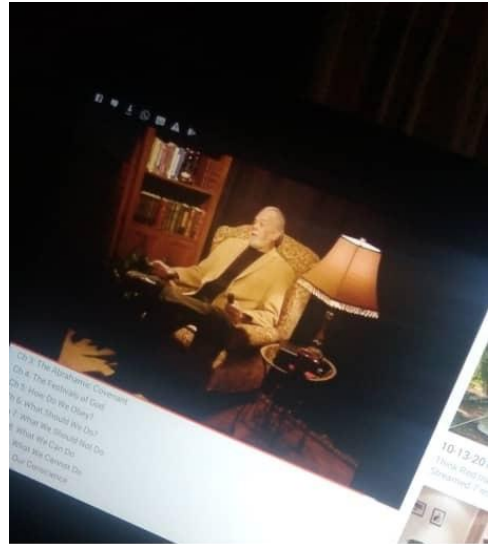
The rich, young Ruler asked this question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" How would you answer him? See the poll! Answer the question HERE:



Matthew 19:16 ... what shall I do that I may have eternal life?  
Mark 10:17 ... what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

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**"ON THE LAW" PREMIER 5/31/20**

I am happy and refreshed to see Don do this. I pray Jehovah grants him strength and stability. Kindly extend my love to all TRI team. ...

**The Law is Good, IF a man uses it Lawfully.** This is a statement which traditional Church authorities CANNOT delete from the bible. A word which will always remind them that God's Law cannot be 'done away with'.



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