

DIFFICULT
QUESTIONS about
CHRISTIANITY



*EXAMINING SOME OF THE MOST
CHALLENGING QUESTIONS
CHRISTIANS ARE FACED WITH*

**“ANY THEORY HOLDING THAT VALUES,
PRINCIPLES, ETC., ARE ABSOLUTE AND NOT
RELATIVE, DEPENDENT, OR CHANGEABLE.”**

ABSOLUTISM

WHY TRUTH MATTERS

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GALATIANS 2:1-16

“from the very first preaching and planting of Christianity, there was a difference of apprehension between those Christians who had first been Jews and those who had first been Gentiles.

Many of those who had first been Jews retained a regard to the ceremonial law, and strove to keep up the reputation of that; but those who had first been Gentiles had no regard to the law of Moses, but took pure Christianity as perfective of natural religion, and resolved to adhere to that.”

Mathew Henry



“the chief reason of his taking him (Titus) along with him seems to have been to let those at Jerusalem see that he was neither ashamed nor afraid to own the doctrine which he had constantly preached;

...for though Titus had now become not only a convert to the Christian faith, but a preacher of it too, yet he was by birth a Gentile and uncircumcised, and therefore, by making him his companion, it appeared that their doctrine and practice were of a piece.”

Mathew Henry



POINT 1

GENUINE TRUTH MATTERS

**JESUS REPLIED, "AND YOU EXPERTS
IN THE LAW, WOE TO YOU, BECAUSE
YOU LOAD PEOPLE DOWN WITH
BURDENS THEY CAN HARDLY CARRY,
AND YOU YOURSELVES WILL NOT
LIFT ONE FINGER TO HELP THEM."**

LUKE 11:46

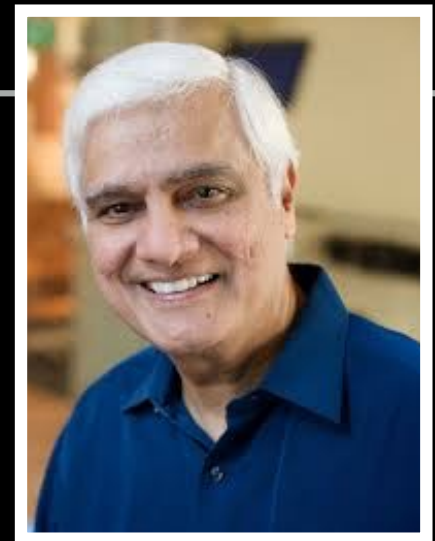
“A NEW COMMAND I GIVE YOU: LOVE ONE ANOTHER. AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, SO YOU MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.”

JOHN 13:34-35



“WHAT YOU BELIEVE MATTERS, BECAUSE IT WILL EFFECT WHAT YOU DO. TO CLAIM THAT ALL RELIGIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME IS TO SAY THAT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU BELIEVE AS LONG AS YOU'RE SINCERE—AND THIS NEGLECTS THE FACT THAT YOU CAN BELIEVE SOMETHING SINCERELY AND BE SINCERELY WRONG. HITLER HELD HIS BELIEFS WITH SINCERITY—THAT DOESN'T MAKE THEM TRUE.”

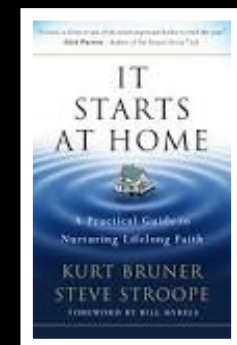
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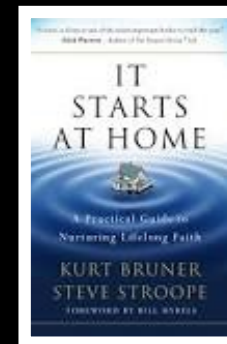


“Tragically, our tendency as fallen people is to reject what is true in favor of what is comfortable, and to choose what is familiar over what is right. As damaging as a lie may be, we often prefer it over reality.”

“Such is the pattern of life. We live consistently with what we believe to be true, even when we’re mistaken. The more our understanding of the world conforms to reality, the better choices we make. The more we operate under false assumptions, the worse our judgment becomes.” Kurt Bruner



“Individual belief does not alter absolute truth. And our culture’s progression toward relativism is nothing more than a rejection of the light in favor of darkness... Absolute truth is real, and it has been revealed in the Bible.” **Kurt Bruner**





POINT 2

**GENUINE TRUTH SETS
YOU FREE**

“IF YOU HOLD TO MY TEACHING, YOU ARE REALLY MY DISCIPLES. THEN YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.”

JOHN 8:31-32

**THEY (THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS)
ANSWERED HIM, "WE ARE
ABRAHAM'S DESCENDANTS AND
HAVE NEVER BEEN SLAVES OF
ANYONE. HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT
WE SHALL BE SET FREE?"**

JOHN 8:33

JESUS REPLIED, "VERY TRULY I TELL YOU, EVERYONE WHO SINS IS A SLAVE TO SIN. NOW A SLAVE HAS NO PERMANENT PLACE IN THE FAMILY, BUT A SON BELONGS TO IT FOREVER. SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED."

JOHN 8:34-36



POINT 3

**GENUINE FREEDOM IS
FOUND IN THE GOSPEL**

PREACH THE WORD; BE PREPARED IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON; CORRECT, REBUKE AND ENCOURAGE—WITH GREAT PATIENCE AND CAREFUL INSTRUCTION. FOR THE TIME WILL COME WHEN PEOPLE WILL NOT PUT UP WITH SOUND DOCTRINE. INSTEAD, TO SUIT THEIR OWN DESIRES, THEY WILL GATHER AROUND THEM A GREAT NUMBER OF TEACHERS TO SAY WHAT THEIR ITCHING EARS WANT TO HEAR. THEY WILL TURN THEIR EARS AWAY FROM THE TRUTH AND TURN ASIDE TO MYTHS.

2 TIMOTHY 4:2-4

“THE GOSPEL IS THE GOOD NEWS THAT GOD, WHO IS MORE HOLY THAN WE CAN IMAGINE, LOOKED UPON WITH COMPASSION, PEOPLE, WHO ARE MORE SINFUL THAN WE WOULD POSSIBLY ADMIT, AND SENT JESUS INTO HISTORY TO ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM AND RECONCILE PEOPLE AND THE WORLD TO HIMSELF.

ED STETZER

**JESUS, WHOSE LOVE IS MORE
EXTRAVAGANT THAN WE CAN
MEASURE, CAME TO SACRIFICIALLY DIE
FOR US SO THAT, BY HIS DEATH AND
RESURRECTION, WE MIGHT GAIN
THROUGH HIS GRACE WHAT THE BIBLE
DEFINES AS NEW AND ETERNAL LIFE.”**

ED STETZER



“If we find ourselves thinking we can do the Lord’s work in the world’s way, as though worldly weapons were adequate, then we have drastically underestimated the nature of the battle. For the real battle is not in the seen world only, but chiefly in the unseen world. The battle is not “against flesh and blood”, Paul says (Eph.6:12),

and if we try to fight in the flesh, we will be merely shadowboxing. Sheer activism may bring about results that look impressive to those sitting in the naturalist's chair, whose only frame of reference is the visible world – but they will not be the results the Lord wants.”

Nancy Pearcy

