

Let God Be True

We all realize that Jesus was God in the flesh (John 1:1-14). As such we know that He cannot lie, for God "cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). The very thought that Jesus would not be truthful is in and of itself repugnant to most. Sadly though, the conclusion must be reached that many say He was in fact a liar, that He did not tell the truth in the things recorded in the Bible. No, people will not openly use the term "lie" in speaking of Him, but nonetheless the charge is still true. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines lie very simply as "to make an untrue statement." Now if we look to the Scriptures and find statements that the Lord either said or endorsed, and then do not believe them (that is, we teach and or follow doctrines contrary to them), we must of necessity be saying that Jesus was saying something we deem to be "untrue." Thus by our actions and teaching, we call Him a liar. For example, following you will find several statements which Jesus made as recorded in the Bible. Below each of them are statements representing prominent doctrines in

the religious world. Mark the one which you believe and teach to be true to see if you are, by your religious teachings, denying the truth of Jesus' words.

Did Jesus tell the truth when He spoke of the completion of revelation, "all truth," would be given in the days of the apostles?

Which statement below is true?

T F Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.
Jesus Christ, John 16:13

or

T F None of the biblical authors had any idea of writing a book which would of itself give us all of God's revelation. . . . God's revelation, then, is something that is happening to God's people today. . . .
Anthony Wilhelm, Christ Among Us, A Modern Presentation of the Catholic Faith For Adults

Did Jesus tell the truth when He spoke concerning the necessity of obeying His will?

Which statement below is true?

T F Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
Jesus Christ, Matthew 7:21

or

T F Salvation is all by grace. . . . It is totally the work of God. When we believe we become the objects of God's grace Belief, and only belief is the door to salvation.
Earl Kelly, Southern Baptist Distinctives

Did Jesus tell the truth when He commanded that men must repent of their sins?

Which statement below is true?

T F I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
Jesus Christ, Luke 13:3

or

T F The one and only choice by which you can be converted is

your choice to believe on the Lord Jesus as your own personal Lord and Saviour. You don't have to straighten out your life first. . . . You can come to Christ just as you are.
Billy Graham, World Aflame

Did Jesus tell the truth when He said one must be baptized in order to be saved?

Which statement below is true?

T F He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Jesus Christ, Mark 16:16

or

T F There is no indication in the New Testament that baptism either saves or adds to salvation. A person should be baptized because he is already a Christian.

Earl Kelly, Southern Baptist Distinctives

How did you do? According to what you believe and teach, was Jesus telling the truth, or is He a liar? In each of the statements above it is an either/or situation, both statements

cannot be true! And we need to consider that for each question we have not only the direct words of Jesus, but also a multitude of other words spoken, as Jesus said they would be, by the influence of the Holy Spirit on those early writers and speakers. Of course we realize the fact of the matter.

But what if we find that we are teaching and/or believing teachings which are not in accord with Jesus? The answer is plain, anytime man's doctrines conflict with that God has said, we ought to proclaim, "let God be true, but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4). If you have been following or teaching those things contrary to God's will, the time is now to repent and turn to Him in full obedience. We would like to help you do that very thing if you will contact us for help.

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