

Are there arguments for the truth in Christ outside of the Bible?

Many times while discussing the issues of truth and salvation, people will ask you to leave the Bible out of the discussion.

1. What is meant by “the truth in Christ”?

1 Corinthians **15:1-4**

Ephesians **2:11-13**

Acts **4:12**

When discussing “the truth in Christ”, the issue being addressed has to do with man's sinful condition before God that requires a payment for sin. It consists of the requirement that the only acceptable payment for sin is found in faith in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. When should the scriptures be left out of the discussion?

John **17:17**

2 Timothy **3:16-17**

Proverbs **3:5-6**

Whenever the topic of truth comes up, it is important to remember that the only real source of truth is the scriptures. If it were not from the insight provided by the scriptures, we would be forced to rely on our own mind and our own imagination. The problem is that we can misunderstand our own experiences and observations if we do not utilize the scriptures to establish boundaries regarding what is true.

3. What information can we use to show the reliability and necessity of the scriptures?

John **3:12**

Genesis **1:24-27**

Acts 14:15-17

Ecclesiastes **1:6-7**

Romans **5:12-13**

We can begin to show the reliability of the scriptures by showing how only the Bible's description of the origin of all things is consistent with what we know about how the physical world operates. The physical world operates according to some fundamental principles, These principles include the various scientific laws and constants. This is further enhanced by the reality that in biology, every living creature only comes into existence as offspring of living creatures that are just like it. To use the biblical language, “after their kind”. Furthermore, it is important to keep in mind that the Bible was the first to describe such scientific facts that the earth is round (Isaiah 40:32), water and wind operates on cycles (Ecclesiastes 1:6-7), etc. The other thing that the Bible gives an adequate description of is the definition and origin of “evil”. While people tend to look and identify what is good, it is equally important to come to an understanding of evil and wickedness.

4. What are some important questions to consider when speaking to others about the necessity of Christ?

Luke **18:18-19**

2 Timothy **4:2-4**

Jude **1:3**

1 Timothy **3:4**

1 Corinthians **1:21-24**

We need to remember that the standard of goodness and truth is God Himself, we need to therefore rely upon God and God's word to expose Him to others. We need to know that faith is not the result of fancy rhetoric and persuasive arguments but the movement of God in the hearts and lives of people. That understanding of God comes by preaching. By nature, people will reject the message of the cross, and since it is to be expected we need to rely more on preaching or teaching the word of God and not the words of men.