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Truth about God



## Truth About God

- A spiritually confused world; Adding Jesus
- The call: To make disciples (Mt 28:16-20)
- How? Five components of discipleship –  
Biblical Maturity; Spiritual Maturity;  
Relational Maturity; Stewardship  
Maturity; Emotional Maturity



## Truth About God

- We begin with Biblical Maturity. We must believe the right things to be a mature follower of Jesus.
- Biblical Maturity starts with what we believe about God. We will never rise above our view of God. (God is the hero; Theology – Statement of faith)





## Truth About God

- **First, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is good.** Psalm 119:68, “You are good, and what you do is good.” James 1:13, “When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.”



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- **First, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is good.**
- People struggle with the goodness of God because of the presence of evil in the world. If we don't believe God is good, we won't trust Him. We won't follow.



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- **First, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is good.**
- Why believe in God's goodness?
- Creation points to the goodness of God. (top ten days)





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- Sherlock Holmes, “Our highest assurance of the goodness of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its color are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope from the flowers.”



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- **First, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is good.**
- Why believe in God's goodness?
- The cross verifies the goodness of God.
- God tells me He is good. (track record with a friend)





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- **Second, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is powerful. (Mt 19:26, context, Jesus said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”)**



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- **Second, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is powerful.**
- If God doesn't have the power to save us, or deliver us, or free us, or end evil, then he may be really good, but He isn't really God. (large debt)  
(Proof – creation; Testimony; Miracles)



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- **Third, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is sovereign.** 1 Timothy 6:13-16, “I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time – God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light.”





## Truth About God

- **Third, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is sovereign.**
- What does sovereignty mean?
- He is the King, He can do what He wants. (royalty – not everyone subject to His majesty yet)



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- **Third, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is sovereign.**
- What does sovereignty mean?
- He has choice. Absolute choice. He limits His choice sometimes to give us freedom. (E.g., abuse; accountability)



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- **Fourth, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is loving.** 1 John 4:16, "God is love."
- What does God's love look like? Jesus is perfect theology. Look how Jesus heals the sick (Mt 8); casts out demons (Mk 5); deals with sinners (John 4, 8)





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- **Fifth, if we are going to be mature followers of Jesus we must believe that God is holy. Isaiah 6**
- What does it mean to be holy?  
(Pure) (Unique)



## Truth About God

- This good, powerful, sovereign, loving, and holy God has given you the right to enter into His family through Christ, and has invited you to call Him, “Father.” What you believe about Him, will shape your life. (approaching someone for help)