John 17:11-18 "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world."

In the world of Christianity almost no one believes the same, but all call their belief of the bible (Biblical Truth). However, no matter how many different denominations there are, no matter how many different branches of each denomination that exist, there is only one biblical truth. The bible is God's truth, not how we see it as truth, not as we believe it as truth, but as God wrote it as truth. If a human soul cannot accept the scriptures as written, in context and in believe it in that context, then they will fail to understand most of the truth of God's word. God said in 2 Timothy 2:15 "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." One writer said, "Better rendered rightly laying out the word of truth...It seems most correct to regard it as a metaphor from laying out a road" Another writer said of "rightly dividing the word of truth" "to manage rightly...to treat truthfully without falsifying," The goal of any believer is to be able to make God's entire word "in context", one truth without division. This is to study for oneself, each believer is responsible to be able to "rightly divide the word of truth." without error.

This is the importance of "rightly dividing the word of truth." Jesus prayed for the Father to teach and keep us in Truth to, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17 The word "Sanctify" means – to make them be holy or to purify them in truth. The word must separate Christians from the world, if it is truly doing as Jesus prayed. The world must see in us as Christians as Pilate saw in Jesus, John 18:38 "Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at

all." The world does not need for us to prove Truth to them, they do not need to find fault in us and our belief.

- A. The Truth is knowing and understanding Jesus.
 - 1. **John 17:8** "For <u>I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."</u>
 - 2. You cannot know biblical truth if you do not know Jesus Christ. **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**." Where Truth is, the hate of the world is opposing it.
 - 3. God's truths are outlawed by this world. The laws of this world are anti-God and anti-Truth.
 - 4. Most countries on this earth have out-lawed the scriptures, and even in the Christian-religious among is hate and fight the truth of God's word. Many Christians have died simply for believing the Truth.
 - 5. People in this world put their hand on the bible swear to tell the truth and lie.
 - 6. You cannot know the truth if you do not know Jesus.
- B. The Holy Spirt will teach us truth.
 - 1. Because He is "the Spirit of Truth". **John 16:13** "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 shew you things to come." We cannot learn nor understand Truth without the Spirit of Truth guiding us.
 - 2. God warned us to walk in truth in this world. Ephesians 5:8 9 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:(9) (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)" verse 9 explains verse 8
 - 3. God ordained us to walk in His Truth and this is why we are led in truth by the Holy Spirit. **Psalms 37:23** "*The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.*" We, who believe Truth are blessed of God, because unless the Holy Spirit teaches us and leads us, we will fail.
- C. Our offer of salvation is Truth.

- 1. God's record is His Truth, there is only one true gospel, and that gospel is about Jesus Christ.
- 2. There is only one truth about salvation, and it is God's record of Truth. 1 John 5:10 11 "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. (11) And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." This is with any biblical Truth; God has plainly said that He saves sinners and ordained them to eternal life through Jesus Christ and by the power and workings of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. True salvation is only found in Jesus Christ. **John 5:37 39** "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. (38) And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. (39) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."
- 4. If you are not searching the scriptures for the Truth, you may never see the Truth.