

True Christianity/Ministry

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Definition: *What is TRUTH?*

- Proven Reality
- Originality
- Authenticity

Truth stands for what something is or what it was intended or designed to be.

Christianity, on the other hand, stands for **Christlikeness**.

Christ stands for the **Anointed One**

Every True Believer has a measure of **faith** and **anointing**.

A **Christian** represents the **Life of Christ**

The Centricity of God - 2 Cor. 13:14

- I. Theocentric - Love of God
- II. Christocentric - Grace
- III. Pneumacentric - Communion

The Cross - Mark 8:34

- True Christianity is about **Denying Oneself**
- True Christianity is about **Following Jesus**

Paul and His Cross

Phil. 3:7 - Whatever was gain to me, I count as a loss.

2 Cor. 11:30 - I boast in my infirmities

2 Cor. 12:7 - He knew the peril of being exalted above measure. May people see Christ and may I be hidden BEHIND His cross.

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Paul's Humility - 1 Cor. 12:1

Paul's Ministry Philosophy - 2 Cor. 4:1

- I. Renounced the hidden things of shame - What you are in secret is the REAL you!
- II. Not walking in craftiness
- III. Handling the Word of God deceitfully - Manipulation
- IV. Commending himself to every man's conscience - Titles are killing us!
- V. Paul called himself "servant of the people"

Paul's CV - 2 Cor. 11:22-30

Labour - Abundant

In Stripes - Above Measure

In Prison - Frequent

In Death - Often

In Peril of Water and Robbers

CONCLUSION

Paul: -My time of departure has come

-I have fought the good fight

-After Agabus' prophecy, Paul still went on

-After being tortured, some refused to be released (Heb. 11:35)

-They loved not their lives unto death

-Paul said, "I bear the marks of Christ"

** Today, we may not be tortured physically, but mentally

The number of people dying in the cause of Christ is continually increasing. It is at an all time high.