

## ***Blended***

Where we've been so far:

How to discern Truth for yourself...

Pt. 1 - *Understand Truth is not established by me*

Pt. 2 - *Understand that Truth must come from God*

How to Discern Truth for Yourself pt. 3:

*Understand the Truth about God is revealed in the Bible*

## **Religions and their Source of Authority**

### Historic Christianity

The Bible (Old Testament & New Testament)

The Bible is...

- Unique
- Revealed
- Factual
- Accurate
- Inerrant
- inspired Word of God
- Sole authority for faith and practice.

### Roman Catholicism

- The Bible (Old Testament and New Testament) as the inspired revelation of God.
- Church tradition
- The magisterium (the teaching authority of the Church)  
\*The Popes and ecumenical councils also have authority.

### Jehovah Witness

Their version of the Bible (New World Translation of Holy Scriptures) as interpreted by Watchtower Bible and Tract Society.

### Mormonism

- The Bible (except the "errors")
- Book of Mormon
- Doctrine and Covenants;
  - Pearl of Great Price
  - Revelations of the Mormon prophets.

### Islam

Qur'an (Koran)

Hinduism

- Vedas
- Upanishads
- Epics
- Puranas
- Other sacred writings.

Buddhism

- Sutras
- Tripitaka (The Three Baskets)

Secular Humanism

- There are no holy writings in Secular Humanism

New Age Movement

- No objective source of authority.
- Sacred writings and devotional material from many traditions have spiritual value.

**The BIG Obvious:**

\*Except for Historic Christianity, each religion has an authority in \_\_\_\_\_

to the Bible or \_\_\_\_\_ from the Bible!

**What does the Bible say?**

- Revelation 22:18-19
- Psalms 119:89

**A Couple of Important Truths to Keep in Mind:**

- If you go to the \_\_\_\_\_ you will die and be separated from God for all eternity in Hell.
- But if you go to the \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, you will still die and be separated from God for all eternity in Hell.

### Sacred Writings

Most religions (except New Age and Secular Humanism) point to some document as divinely inspired which is authoritative in \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ for who He really is.

### Big Question:

How do we know which sacred writing contains the \_\_\_\_\_ about who God really is??

### Preview Next Week's Study:

Why is the God of the Bible the source of Truth and not the God of (fill in the blank)?

### Never Forget:

1. Satan would rather have you \_\_\_\_\_ wrong as to do wrong.
2. If you think wrong you will eventually \_\_\_\_\_ wrong.
3. If you think wrong you won't even \_\_\_\_\_ about what you did wrong!

### Jesus said:

*And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. - Matthew 22:37 (ESV)*

### What else does the Bible say?

- 2 Tim. 2:15
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Jude 3 - 4

*"God is no fonder of intellectual slackers than any other slackers. If you are thinking of becoming a Christian, I warn you, you are embarking on something which is going to take the whole of you--brains and all."*

- C. S. Lewis