

## CERTAIN ABOUT WHAT

Authentic Christianity starts with the premise that there is a source of truth outside of us. That truth being the Word of God. It is objectively true. Meaning: It is true whether it speaks subjectively to any given individual or not; it is true regardless of how anyone feels about it; it is true for everyone universally and without exception; it is absolutely true.

That, of course, contradicts the basic presupposition that governs most people's thinking today. Some would have people to believe that there is no such thing as absolute truth, or if there is, it is unknowable. According to these thinkers, truth is nothing more than a creation of the human mind; people determine their own reality; and therefore no one has the truth.

Their position on religion says, "No religion is superior to any other. Nor should any theological position ever be thought of as right or wrong. What I believe is valid for me; and whatever you believe is equally valid for you. And thus we can affirm each other's religions, even if our beliefs flatly contradict one another." It has been noted that in our world today, the only thing we can be certain about is that we can't be certain of anything.

To hold strong convictions about anything (other than our own inability to discover truth) is deemed inherently intolerant, even evil. The church today is facing a serious erosion, dogmatism on any point of doctrine is generally out of fashion, and a push for harmony is seen as the key for survival.

Survival for the church depends not upon harmony, but truth! Scripture is absolutely true whether it affects you and me or not. In no way is the truth of Scripture decided by anyone's experience or preference.

Scripture: King James Version: Isaiah 40:8; 55:11; 59:21; Matthew 5:18; 24:34-35; Psalm 119:160, 165.

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