

# **Rippy's Believe It or Not! How Do I Know What's True? Framing a Biblical Worldview - 2**

Romans 1:18-25  
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Jesus: "The truth will set you free." John 8:32 (NIV)

## **I. SIGNS OF "TRUTH DECAY" IN A CULTURE**

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*(Let us) no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like truth.*  
Ephesians 4:14 (NLT)
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*They don't care anymore about right and wrong, and they have given themselves over to immoral ways. Their lives are filled with all kinds of impurity and greed.* Ephesians 4:19 (NLT)
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*Since they refuse to trust truth, they're banished to their chosen world of lies and illusions.*  
2 Thessalonians 2:12 (Mes)
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*Where there is ignorance of God, crime runs wild.* Proverbs 29:18 (LB)
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*Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. They worshiped the things God made but not the Creator himself.* Romans 1:25 (NLT)
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*Our courts oppose people who are righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth falls dead in the streets, and fairness has been outlawed.* Isaiah 59:14 (NLT)

## **II. HOW DO I KNOW WHAT'S TRUE?**

### **1. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_**

*Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.*  
Romans 1:20 (NIV)

*The basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is!* Romans 1:19 (Mes)

### **2. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_**

Some people naturally obey God's commands, even though they don't have the Law. This proves that the conscience is like a law written in the human heart. And it will show whether we are forgiven or condemned. Romans 2:14-15 (CEV)

The Lord gave us mind and conscience; we cannot hide from ourselves. Proverbs 20:27 (TEV)

### 3. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

Fools will believe anything, but the wise think about what they do. Proverbs 14:15 (NCV)

Anyone who examines this evidence will come to stake his life on this: that God himself is the truth. John 3:33 (Mes)

...the Father will give you another Helper, who will stay with you forever. He is the Spirit, who reveals the truth about God. John 14:16-17 (TEV)

### 4. THROUGH GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

### 5. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 (NIV)

Those who believe Him discover that God is true. John 3:33 (NT)

## WHAT TO DO WITH THE TRUTH

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- \_\_\_\_\_ - Philippians 3:16 [NLT]
- \_\_\_\_\_ - 2 Corinthians 13:8 (NLT)
- \_\_\_\_\_ - 3 John 1:8 (GW)

Let everything you do reflect your love of the truth and the fact that you are in dead earnest about it. Titus 2:7b (LB)