

Why do people reject the truth?

1. **Ignorance:**

I don't know what the truth is.

Ignorance is not an excuse but God deals gently with those who are ignorant.

Acts 17:30; Eph 4:18; Heb 5:2; 1 Pet 1:14

2. **Blindness:**

I cannot see the truth.

The god of this age blinds the minds of unbelievers.

The Holy Spirit enlightens.

Mt 13:19; 2 Cor 4:4

3. **Unbelief:**

I don't believe that Jesus is the truth.

Belief is based on trust. Either you believe Jesus died for you and is the truth or you don't.

Those who receive Him become children of God.

Jn 1:12,13

4. **Sin/ rebellion:**

I don't want to accept the truth because then I will need to change my life.

Those who choose to walk in darkness will perish.

Jn 3:19-21

5. **Worldly thinking/ natural-mindedness:**

I don't believe in absolute truth because otherwise I would become intolerant and tolerant is the real way to live. Tolerance is the new way of living that outdates old absolutes.

God calls us to renew our minds according to His truth.

Rom 12:2

6. **Fear of man:**

I don't want to trust in Jesus as the truth because I want people to like me.

What is more important? The opinion of man or the opinion of God?

Jn 18:39; Gal 2:12; Mt 22:16

7. **Pride:**

I judge and determine what is true. No one and nothing has the authority to determine my thinking.

Jesus is the highest authority and has every right to tell us what to think and do!

Mt 28:18-20

8. **Experiential/ natural-minded:**

I derive truth from what I can see, understand and experience. If this so-called truth is not part of my experience, it cannot be true.

We are called to live by faith and not by sight! By faith we understand!

1 Cor 2:8-10; 2 Cor 4:18; 5:7; Heb 11:1,2,24-27; Gal 2:20

9. **Fear of the consequences:**

I don't want to trust in the truth and walk in the truth because of what might happen to me if I believe and what will happen to those close to me who don't believe.

The consequence of holding on to the truth can be difficult but Jesus is with us and encourages us not to fear.

Mt 13:20,21; Jn 15:18-16:4

10. Fear of getting it wrong:

I don't accept the truth because maybe it isn't really the truth and I would be fooling myself.

We will only know fully when Jesus comes again!

1 Cor 13:12; 15:12-20

11. Disappointment:

I won't trust the truth because of bad experience. I have trusted what I thought to be true before and was let down – why should I trust this so-called truth and be disappointed again?

God will never leave you nor forsake you. You can trust in Him.

Heb 13:5,6

12. Deception:

I don't believe in absolute truth because other religions are similar so why should Jesus be the only truth?

The enemy imitates the truth to nullify its absoluteness (false gods, transcendental meditation, healings, tongues etc.).

2 Cor 11:14

13. Hypocrisy:

Why should I accept Jesus as the truth when all His followers live such double-standard lives?

We must examine ourselves. Everyone is accountable to God.

Rom 2:6; 2 Cor 10:12; 13:5

14. Inferiority:

Surely others know better. How can I stand on the truth when others, more knowledgeable than I disagree?

God gives the truth to those lacking knowledge and wisdom.

1 Cor 1:18-29