

## Religious Truth: Where Is It Found?

People who want to go to heaven are interested in the truth and where they can find it. How can we know assuredly that we have found the truth? God has not left us in doubt about this question.

First, the scriptures contain all religious truth. Jesus promised the apostles that the Holy Spirit would “guide them into all truth John 16:13).” The evident conclusion is that after the apostles, no truth remained unrevealed. After the apostles, no human received a revelation of truth; and neither man nor church developed any new truths.

Second, only miraculously inspired people could make known revelations from God. The apostles and Cornelius and his house were the only people who were baptized in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-4; Acts 10: 44-48; 11:16-17; 1 Cor. 12:12-13). The apostles could lay hands on certain people and impart unto them a miraculous gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18). Once the last person died who had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and once the last person died upon whom apostles laid hands, no miraculous revelations have occurred. No one today receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:5).

Third, God revealed through the inspired men (apostles and prophets) a complete and perfect guide. In 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Paul wrote, “Every scripture inspired of God (is) also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness. That the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.” Every religious belief and practice, inspired of God, is in the Bible.

Fourth, claims, made by some, of new and additional revelations, are false. If any man preaches a gospel not preached by Paul and the inspired writers, he is accursed.

But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. As we have said before, so say I now again, if any man preaches unto you any gospel other than that which you received, let him be anathema (Gal 1:8-9).

Jude wrote that the faith was “once for all delivered to the saints (Jude).” One has observed that if a doctrine is new, it is not true; and if a doctrine is true, it is not new.

Where is religious truth found? In the Bible, God’s word, and there alone.