

墨爾本華人基督徒以勒團契

〈 聖經神學 〉

(二) 「從聖經認識神的屬性」

(5) 「真理的神」

「太初有道，道與神同在，**道就是神**」。這道太初與神同在。」(約 1:1-2)

「道成了肉身，住在我們中間，充充滿滿地有恩典，有**真理**」。我們也見過祂的榮光，正是父獨生子的榮光。」(約 1:14)

「律法本是藉著摩西傳的，恩典和**真理**都是由**耶穌基督**來的。」(約 1:17)

「我就是道路，**真理**，生命；若不藉著我，沒有人能到父那裏去。」(約 14:6)

「求祢用真理使他們成聖，祢的**道就是真理**」。祢怎樣差我到世上，我也照樣差他們到世上。我為他們的緣故，自己分別為聖，叫他們也因真理成聖」(約 17:17-19)

「並且穿上新人，這新人是照著神的形像造的，有**真理**的仁義和聖潔」(弗 4:24)

道成肉身的主耶穌基督親自宣告：**「神就是真理」**，因著這生命的屬性，神不能背乎自己，因而神一切的作為都與真理有關，**「神喜悅真理」**，**「神賜下真理」**，**「神引導人明白真理」**，神也喜悅屬神的人一切按真理而行：**「按真理生活」**，**「按真理事奉」**，**「遵行真理」**，**「教導真理」**，**「傳揚真理」**，也**「持守真理」**；主耶穌也嚴嚴的警告：**不愛真理的人，沒有真理的人，不行真理的人，不可能是屬神的人** - **「你們是出於你們的父魔鬼，你們父的私慾，你們偏要行，牠從起初是殺人的，不守真理，因牠心裏沒有真理。牠說謊是出於自己；因牠本來是說謊的，也是說謊之人的父。我將真理告訴你們，你們就因此不信我。你們中間誰能指證我有罪呢？我既然將真理告訴你們，為甚麼不信我呢？出於神的，必聽神的話；你們不聽，因為你們不是出於神。」**(約 8:44-47) 盼望每一個屬主的聖徒，我們從聖經中，全面認識神的真理屬性及作為，也按著神的善良，純全，可喜悅的旨意去實踐真理。

(一) 「真理的神的作為」

- **創造世界 宇宙窮蒼**

「諸天述說神的榮耀，窮蒼傳揚祂的手段。這日到那日發出言語，這夜到那夜傳出知識。」 (詩 19:1-2)

- **建立生命 更新生命**

「耶和華的律法全備，能甦醒人心；耶和華的法度確定，能使愚人有智慧。耶和華的訓詞正直，能快活人的心；耶和華的命令清潔，能明亮人的眼目。」 (詩 19:7-8)

- **彰顯聖潔 顯明公義**

「耶和華的道理潔淨，存到永遠；耶和華的典章真實，全然公義。」 (詩 19:9)

- **供應生命 滿足生命**

「都比金子可羨慕，且比極多的精金可羨慕；比蜜甘甜，且比蜂房下滴的蜜甘甜。」 (詩 19:10)

- **辨別是非 衡量對錯**

「況且祢的僕人因此受警戒，守著這些便有大賞。誰能知道自已的錯失呢？願祢赦免我隱而未現的過錯。」 (詩 19:11-12)

- **離棄罪惡 遠離不義**

「求祢攔阻僕人不犯任意妄為的罪，不容這罪轄制我，我便完全，免犯大罪。」 (詩 19:13)

- **犧牲代贖 施行拯救**

「耶和華我的磐石，我的救贖主啊，願我口中的言語，心裏的意念，在祢面前蒙悅納。」 (詩 19:14)

(二) 「聖徒實踐真理」

● 愛慕真理

「所以，你們既除去一切的惡毒，詭詐，並假善，嫉妒，和一切毀謗的話，就要「愛慕」那純淨的靈奶，像才生的嬰孩愛慕奶一樣，叫你們因此漸長，以至得救」（彼前 2:1-2）

● 領受真理

「所以，你們要脫去一切的污穢和盈餘的邪惡，存溫柔的心「領受」那所栽種的道，就是能救你們靈魂的道。」（雅 1:21）

● 明白真理

「我還有好些事要告訴你們，但你們現在擔當不了。只等真理的聖靈來了，祂要引導你們「明白」一切的真理……」（約 16:12-13）

● 遵守真理

「我們若「遵守」祂的誡命，就曉得是認識祂。人若說我認識祂，卻不遵守祂的誡命，便是說謊話的，真理也不在他心裏了。」（約壹 2:3-4）

● 教導真理

「然而主的僕人不可爭競，只要溫溫和和地待眾人，善於「教導」，存心忍耐，用溫柔勸戒那抵擋的人；或者神給他們悔改的心，可以明白真道。」（提後 2:24-25）

● 傳揚真理

「務要「傳道」，無論得時不得時，總要專心；並用百般的忍耐，各樣的教訓，責備人，警戒人，勸勉人。因為時候要到，人必厭煩純正的道理，耳朵發癢，就隨從自己的情慾，增添好些師傅，並且掩耳不聽真道，偏向荒渺的言語。你卻要凡事謹慎，忍受苦難，作傳道的工夫，盡你的職分。」（提後 4:2-5）

● 持守真理

「你從我聽的那純正話語的規模，要用在基督耶穌的信心和愛心，常常「守著」。從前所交託你的善道，你要靠著那住在我們裏面的聖靈，牢牢地守著。」（提後 1:13-14）

「牧者心聲」

我指望快到你那裏去，所以先將這些事寫給你。倘若我耽延日久，你也可以知道在神的家中當怎樣行，這家就是永生神的教會，真理的柱石和根基。（提前 3:14-15）

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Bible Theology

2. Understanding God's attributes from the Bible

5. God's Truth

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**. He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:1-2)*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and **truth**. (John 1:14)*

*For the law was given through Moses; grace and **truth** came through **Jesus Christ**. (John 1:17)*

*Jesus answered, "**I am the way and the truth and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)*

*Sanctify them by the truth; your **word is truth**. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (John 17:17-19)*

*And to put on the new self, created to be like God in **true** righteousness and holiness. (Ephesians 4:24)*

The Word became flesh, our Lord Jesus Christ, himself, declared "God is truth". Because of this attribute, and God can't disown himself, everything He does is related to truth. God is pleased with truth, God gives truth, God leads people to understand truth. God is also pleased with his people, when they conduct themselves according to truth; to live according to the truth, to serve according to the truth, obey the truth, teach the truth, preach the truth and keep the truth. Lord Jesus sternly warned us: Those who don't love the truth, who don't have the truth and don't act according to the truth, can not be God's people. "*You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.*" (John 8:44-47). Every believer who belongs to our Lord, can through the Bible, fully understand God's attribute and conduct of truth, and follow the truth according to God's good, pleasing and perfect will.

1) The conduct of the God of truth

- ***Created the world, the universe and the skies.***

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. (Psalm 19:1-2)

- ***Builds up lives, renews lives***

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. (Psalm 19:7-8)

- ***Manifests holiness, shows righteous***

The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the Lord are sure and altogether righteous. (Psalm 19:9)

- ***Sustains life, satisfies life***

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. (Psalm 19:10)

- ***Distinguishes right and wrong, measures right and wrong***

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. (Psalm 19:11-12)

- ***Renounce sin, flee from unrighteousness***

Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression (Psalm 19:13)

- ***Atoning sacrifice, granting salvation***

May the words of my mouth and the mediation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer (Psalm 19:14)

2) Saints manifestation of truth

➤ **Crave the truth**

Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander of every kind. Like new born babies, **crave** pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation (1 Peter 2:1-2)

➤ **Accept the truth**

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly **accept** the word planted in you, which can save you (James 1:21)

➤ **Understand the truth**

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you **into** all truth..... (John 16:12-13)

➤ **Obey the truth**

We know that we have come to know him if we **obey** his commands. The man you says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1 John 2:3-4)

➤ **Teach the truth**

And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to **teach**, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth. (2 Timothy 2:24-25)

➤ **Preach the truth**

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (2 Timothy 4:2-5)

➤ **Keep the truth**

What you heard from me, **keep** as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. (2 Timothy 1:13-14)

Pastor's reflection

Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (1 Timothy 3:14-15)