

"Arrogance, Humility and Truth"

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When a person claims to know some-thing as true he often is accused of being "arrogant." When a person says that he believes something to be true, but admits that he could be wrong, he often is called "humble." Is it arrogant to profess unques-tionable knowledge of truth? Should a per-son always qualify his knowledge of truth with doubt?

A common conversation about truth often goes this way: Sam: "I know thus and thus to be true."

Mark: "Could you be wrong?" Sam: "No, thus and thus is true." Mark: "Do humans sometimes make mistakes?" Sam: "Yes." Mark: "Are you human?" Sam: "Yes." Mark: "Then could you be mistaken about what you said was true?" Here is the supposed logical trap. If Sam denies that he is wrong, he appears to be contradicting himself and comes across as arrogant. If he admits that he could be wrong, then he comes across as humble.

Sometimes the conversation runs an-other way: Sam: "I know thus and thus to be true." Mark: "Could you be wrong?" Sam: "No, thus and thus is true." Mark: "Oh, so you are perfect and have never been wrong before?" Sam: "No, of course not, I've been wrong before." Mark: "Have you ever believed that you were right and later found out that you were wrong?" Sam: "Yes." Mark: "Then how can you be so sure that you are right this time?" Here again is the same supposed logical trap. if Sam denies that he is wrong, he appears to be denying what he just said and comes across as arrogant. If he admits that he could be wrong, then he comes across as humble.

ARE THESE ARGUMENTS SOUND?

These arguments about humility and arrogance appear at first glance to many to be sound, but in reality they are not. Yes, it is true that humans make mistakes, and no one is perfect. Yet, it is also true that we can know some things without the possibility of being wrong. I know that I am male. No, I cannot be wrong about it. I know that I am writing this article. No, I can't be wrong about it. You, the reader, know without a doubt what sex you are. Don't you? You know that you are reading this article. Could you be wrong about either of these facts?

When it comes to religious facts, Jesus said, "**Ye shall KNOW the TRUTH and the truth shall make you free**" (John 8:32). It is true that there are difficult passages in the Bible and Christians do not always agree about all of them. It is also true that there are difficult concepts that Christians do not always agree on. Jesus said though, that we could "KNOW the TRUTH" that could "make" us "free." Understanding about what all the visions in Revelation represent is not needed to be "free." Fully understanding the concept of the Trinity, or what the thorn in Paul's side was, is not needed to make us "free."

We can "know" without any question or doubt "the truth" that will "make" us "free." We can "know" that no man can come unto the Father and be "free" except through Christ (John 14:6). We can "know" that no one can be "free" unless they be-lieve (Mark 16:16). We can "know" that no one can be "free" unless he repents and is baptized (Acts 2:38). There are other facts that we need to "know" before we can be made "free" and Jesus promises that we can "know" them and be made "free."

It is not "arrogance" to say that you know truth when you are simply repeating the truth contained in God's word. It is not "humility" to say that when it comes to the truth contained in God's word that you could be wrong. No, just the opposite, it takes an arrogant person to say that no one can know the truth. Such a statement contradicts Jesus. Surely if anything is arro-gant, it is believing that you know more than Jesus knew and that you are right and he was wrong. The humble man will accept the reality of what Jesus said and not contradict him.

Do you humbly know the truth, or do you arrogantly deny that it can be known?

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

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Prayer List *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Dennis & Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Chris Highway, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Kyra Kyle, Sonny & Linda Stine, Brenda Nelson, Diane Mellott, and Wilma Patterson.

People in other places: Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Frank's niece, Betty & Dennis Leistner, Denise Garlitz' grandchildren and her son Jeff, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Tony & Eglia Grana, George Beckwith, Cindy, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Andrea, Red & Goldie Crow, Samantha Allee, Cheryl Wheeler, Levi, Jeanne Johns, Loretta Gorito, Kay Ables, Gloria, Dorothea Johnson, Tammy, Rita D, Jenna, Irene Jurek, Billie Jo Potter, Debbie Curry, Jaye Boyle, Barry Mitchell, Martha, Andrew, Vanessa Lewis, Williams family, Mary, Mary Lou & Louise (Anna Brink's sisters), Gary, Malissa Layton, Th'alise Robinson, Ashley, Noreen Andrews, Emily Sestack, Debbie, Minnee, Holly Leistner, Leonard Amanatey, Martha, the Rogers family, Eric Kauffman, Lynn Gomez, Ivey Shoemaker, Holly Brown, Dean, B.J. Boyle, Jim & Edith Faery, Randy Heller, Haskell Paden, Leonard - Zach Hansen's girlfriend's grandfather, Becky Torres, Jeanette Casey, and Gloria Zachery.

Updates:

Candi Butcher mentioned to us in early Sept. an acquaintance of hers asked us to pray for her granddaughter that was born early and not doing well. The baby is now home, doing well, and has gained some weight. The grandmother appreciates the prayers.

Wednesday Rahelich is in a hospital in New Kent, VA for treatment. She will be there for a number of months.

Peggy Golias is doing better and was able to be out at worship service this past Sunday.

Holly Leistner, Denise Garlitz' daughter, recently had additional ear surgery for melanoma. Surgical margins came back clear. She appreciates the prayers and cards.

Cyndi Lewis, former member here, recently fell over her dog in the dark and she now has multiple injuries to her arm and shoulder. She had an MRI Sept. 24.

Marissa Stine has a friend named Cody. Cody's girlfriend recently took the life of his 2 yr. old daughter.

Gloria Zachery Her biopsy showed a benign bone cyst. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

Elliot, Louella's nephew, is not feeling well.

Jimmy, Bruce Brink's brother, has pneumonia.

Joanne, Carol Jones' sister in Brantford, ON, will have foot surgery on Tuesday.

Haley, Tahlia's friend, suffered a broken leg.

Let's pray for those dealing with the aftermath of hurricanes, tornados, and flooding down south.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Oct. 07 Today. Congregational Meeting (to elect two trustees from men nominated Sept. 23)

Oct. 07 Today. Quick meeting of Preacher Search Committee following the Congregational Meeting.

Oct. 07-10 N. F. church of Christ (Tenn. Ave.) Homecoming & Gospel Meeting Please see posting.

Oct. 08 Columbus Day

Oct. 21 Men's Business Meeting

Oct. 26 Ladies Devotional 6:30 PM at the building. Hosted by Carol Jones

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Book of James

Sermon Topic Today: *Types of Christianity*

Scripture Reading: *Matt. 17:14-20*

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 2nd Samuel

TODAY

Announcements Ray McArthur

Song Leader Rodney Jones

Direct Communion Bruce Brink

Serve Ray McArthur

Serve Doug Flanagan

Serve Matt Nichols

Clean Trays Maria Swindlehurst



Praise God! Last Sunday was filled with prayer, praise, songs, and fellowship. We were honored to host the area-wide fifth Sunday singing and had approximately 50 souls in attendance (and boy, did we eat cookies). Additionally, we spent the Sunday worship time praising God for the privilege to be involved with the Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries. We spent time asking God to use us to protect and serve the children but also to become like them (as Jesus calls His followers to be). You gave \$1,326 and added to that amount was \$300 from the church treasury.

God's Grace

by Phil Sanders Author of *A Faith Built on Sand* and *Adrift* Speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way"

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8).

After these forty-two years of ministry, I have learned two important things. First, God's servants are totally dependent upon the grace of God. God's grace or favor provides far more than forgiveness. God shapes and molds us into the kind of people that He wishes us to be.

In Philippians 1:6 Paul wrote, "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Yes, God expects us to use the talents and abilities He gives us, but we should never forget that every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Paul urges us, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure." (Philippians 2:12-13).

Second, we are wholly dependent upon the kindness of God to provide for our needs and the needs of this ministry. God does not send us into His vineyard empty-handed and ill-equipped. God's grace abounds so that we have all sufficiency in all things at all times for every good deed. When faithful Christians ask, God answers; when they seek, He helps them find; and when they knock, the Lord opens the door. God truly answers prayer. (Matthew 7:7-9).