

## Whose side are we on?

Just hours before His death Jesus stated, “Every one that is **of the truth** heareth my voice” (Jhn 18:37), “Everyone **on the side of truth** listens to me” (NIV). It’s all about whose side we’re on. Are we on Christ’s side or on the other? He said, “**He that is not with me is against me**; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth” (Mat 12:30; Luk 11:23). There’s no neutral ground. We’re either on His side or we’re against Him.

Christ’s side is the side of the truth. We can be ignorant or confused about the truth and God will forgive us when we come to the knowledge of the truth and repent. However, we can’t willfully rebel against the truth and still be forgiven: “Only **rebel not** ye against the LORD” (Num 14:9); “For **rebellion is as** the sin of witchcraft, and **stubbornness is as** iniquity and idolatry” (1Sa 15:23); “For if we **sin wilfully** after that we have received **the knowledge of the truth**, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins” (Heb 10:26).

The truth about God is that the Father is the God of our Lord Jesus Christ: “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Mat 27:46; Mar 15:34); “my Father is greater than I” (Jhn 14:28); “I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and *to my God, and your God*” (Jhn 20:17); “God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom 15:6); “And ye are Christ’s; and Christ *is God’s*” (1Co 3:23); “the head of Christ *is God*” (1Co 11:3); “The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (2Co 11:31); “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph 1:3; 1Pe 1:3) “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory” (Eph 1:17); “God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Col 1:3); “therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows” (Heb 1:9); “I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God” (Rev 3:12).

Trinitarianism is not on the side of the truth because it confesses that the Father and Son are co-equal along with another supposed third person. Nevertheless, the masses of people in Trinitarian churches are deceived into believing they’re on Christ’s side while everyone else is not. But this is simply the original deception of the devil—switching the sides. The first two people could already see the truth, “for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die**” (Gen 2:17). But the serpent blinded them with the deception “**Ye shall not surely die**: For God doth

know that in the day ye eat thereof, **then your eyes shall be opened**, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil” (3:5). And once they were blind, he further deceived them into believing they could see, “And the eyes of them both were opened” (3:7). Since Trinitarians believe they can see, they see everyone else as blind and needing what they have.

The very first words of Scripture divided all people into polar opposite sides of the truth, “And God said, **Let there be light: and there was light**. And God saw the light, that *it was good*: and **God divided the light from the darkness**. And God called the light **Day**, and the darkness he called **Night**.” (Gen 1:3-5). God’s people on the side of the truth with Jesus Christ are “light” divided from everyone else on the other side: “**And the light shineth in darkness**; and the darkness comprehended it not” (Jhn 1:5); “**I am come a light into the world**, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in **darkness**” (Jhn 12:46); “what communion hath **light with darkness?**” (2Co 6:14); “For ye were sometimes **darkness**, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as **children of light**” (Eph 5:8); “Ye are all **the children of light, and the children of the day**: we are not of the night, nor **of darkness**” (1Th 5:5); “called you out of **darkness into his marvellous light**” (1Pe 2:9).

Salvation is being on Christ’s side. When we’re spoken against for His sake or for taking sides with Him, He assured us of His blessing and reward: “**Blessed are ye**, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall **say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake**. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: **for great is your reward in heaven**” (Mat 5:11-12).

We can know we’re on His side when those against Him are against us. When we’re on His side living for the glory of His name, the opposition we experience is directed at Him, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Act 9:4). The evil spoken against us is against Him, “If ye be **reproached for the name of Christ**, happy *are ye*; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: **on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified**” (1Pe 4:14). Suffering persecution and rejection by adversaries on the other side of the truth is firm affirmation of our salvation, “And in nothing terrified by **your adversaries**: which is **to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation**, and that of God” (Phl 1:28). Opposition from the side that’s perishing lends assurance of salvation to the other side. This is because God divided the light from the darkness. It’s all about whose side we’re on.