

Unmasking the Source of Your Noise

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

II Peter 1:2-3

A. The Nature of Truth

1. Some things every man understands to be true through creation and his own conscience (Romans 1:18-21, 25, 28, 32)
2. Definition: Truth is that which corresponds to reality
3. Corollary: Nothing can be true and untrue at the same time.
4. Corollary: Nothing can exist and not exist at the same time.

B. The Danger of Unbelief

1. Definition: A belief is what you accept to be true.
2. Definition: Unbelief is rejecting what God says is true.
 - a. You are always believing someone; nonbelief is nonexistent.
 - b. Rejecting God and His words about reality (unbelief) are a problem for two reasons:
 1. Most seriously, rejecting the truth about God is a highhanded insult against God; it dishonors Him (Romans 1:21,25)
 2. Rejecting the truth about God begins the process of your own disintegration (Romans 1:21-32)

3. You must labor to find out what is true according to God, resolutely reject any deviation from it, and cling to the things that are true about God no matter what is happening to you.

C. The **Glory** of God

1. Unbelief **robs** God of His glory (Romans 1:21). His unique excellence is tarnished in our view. He becomes in our mind no better than the creatures He made – weak, untrustworthy, unloving, unkind, and unwise.

2. The temptation of the sinful heart is to exchange the truth of God for a lie (Romans 1:25)

D. **Stabilizing** Truths for Noisy Souls: The Knowledge of God

1. God is always **good** – always! That means...

a. He will always meet my **needs** – always!

Philippians 4:13, Matthew 6:31-33

b. He will always **forgive** my sin – always!

I John 1:9, Psalm 51, Isaiah 66:2

c. He is always up to something **good** in my life – always!

Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:26-34

d. He will always **love** me personally – always!

Romans 8:35-39, Jeremiah 31:3, John 17:23

e. He will always give me the **grace** I need – always!

II Corinthians 9:8, I Corinthians 15:10, II Corinthians 12:9-10

2. God is always **great** – always! That means...

a. He is always in **control** of all things – always!

Psalm 103:19, Isaiah 41:10, 46:9-10

b. He is always present with me – always!

Psalm 139:7-12, Isaiah 41:10, Jeremiah 23:24

c. He is always the same – always!

Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 1:10-12

d. He is always trustworthy – always!

II Timothy 2:13, Psalm 36:5, Numbers 23:19, Deuteronomy 7:9, 31:8

e. He is always wise in what He does – always!

Romans 11:33, Colossians 2:3, Revelations 15:3-4

Labor, labor, labor to know these truths – look up the above verses and find other verses that teach these truths. Memorize these truths and verses that support them (Psalm 119:9-11) Meditate upon these truths (I Timothy 4:15-16). Fellowship with others about these truths (I John 1:3). Test every stray thought of your heart by these truths (II Corinthians 10:3-5). Don't despise preaching about these truths (II Timothy 4:2-4).

To reject them is to believe a lie.

Conclusion: Unbelief is the primary cause of the noise in your soul. You do not yet see that God Himself is more than enough for you.