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# Sincere

It is commonly held that the word sincere comes from two Latin words – *sine* ‘without’ and *cera* ‘wax’. One explanation is that craftsmen, who during the Republic of Rome, would generally have been slaves or foreigners, and these marble workers would cover imperfections in the stone with wax.

Sincerity in religion is a must, but it alone is not enough to establish what is correct. One may be sincerely wrong as much as one may be sincerely right.

*Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.*

1 Peter 1:22-23

*And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.*

Philippians 1:10

*Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

Hebrews 10:22

Quotations from NASB

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