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Bible Word of the Week

ἀγάπη- agape - love
(ag-ah'-pay)

Definition: love,
affection, good will,

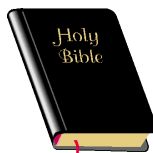
Sentence: "But
whoever keeps His
word, truly the ἀγάπη of God is perfected
in Him. By this we know that we are in
Him."

1 John 2:5

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They
are just to show where they are used in scripture)

BIBLE FACTS:

John the Baptist was Jesus' second
cousin. Mary (the mother of Jesus)
and Elisabeth (the mother of John)
were cousins (Luke 1:36). John was
about 6 months older than Jesus (Luke 1:36). In
John chapter 1 when John the Baptist declares
Jesus as the Lamb of God (v. 36) this is probably
not the first time they met. They were likely
together often as children and young men
growing up.



"And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord,
if it is You, command me to come to You
on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And
when Peter had come down out of the
boat, he walked on the water to go to
Jesus."

Matthew 14:28-29

"A man has deprived himself of the
best there is in the world who has
deprived himself of this knowledge of
the Bible"

~ Woodrow Wilson

Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth" - Psalm 86:11

I Am A Christian

The following was copied from an
article that I found on Facebook:

I Am A Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian," I
am not shouting that "I am clean living."
I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm
found and forgiven."

When I say "I am a Christian," I don't
speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need
Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm
professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I
have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm
just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

Have you ever had a "slap you in the face moment?" That's a
moment when you realize you needed a slap in the face to wake
yourself up. When I read this I was reminded that I am not
important. This life isn't about me; it's about God. God is always
there to help us when we need Him. Jesus said, "come to Me, all
you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"
(Matt. 11:28). Don't forget that life is impossible without Jesus.

~ Kevin



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or have any questions, please
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❖ Estudios biblicos en Español
disponibles durante la semana.
Por favor llamen a Lalo
Enriquez.

"You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth." - Psalm 119:151

Growing God's Way

Scripture Reading: 1 Thess. 1:2-8

❖ Church in Acts

- The number of believers started at _____ (Acts 1:14)
- Added _____ (Acts 2:41)
- Number of men was at _____ (Acts 4:4)
- They didn't stop there (Acts 5:14; 6:1, 7)
- They weren't just growing numerically, but they were growing _____

❖ What's the Secret?

- They were _____ driven, not _____ driven
 - God is the _____, we are the _____
 - 1 Peter 2:5
- They were using God's word
 - Spiritual growth only comes from the word of God
 - Romans 10:17; Acts 17:11

"A church is only as strong as the foundation it's standing on. If it's not the foundation of God, then brace yourself for a crash landing."
~ Anonymous

- They were _____ for the same cause
 - Acts 4:31-32
 - We see them...
 - _____ for one another
 - _____ for one another
 - _____ one another
 - _____ for one another



This Morning's Sermon:

Growing God's Way

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Does God Exist?

Video Series

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Daily Spark #12

Acts 17:11 "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so."

I'm sure Paul came across many different people during ministries. Some people loved him; they brought him into their homes and took care of him while he was teaching the Gospel. And some people hated him, seeking to take his life, wanting to stone him, beat him and run him out of town. I'm sure Paul remembered the different people from all the different places he traveled. I wonder what he thought about the brethren in Berea. As Paul began preaching the Gospel to the brethren in Berea, Luke says that they were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica because not only did they receive the word, but they searched the scriptures to find out if they were speaking the truth.

In our world today, it's hard to get people to accept the Gospel. It's a challenge to get people excited about Jesus, about prayer, and about reading scriptures. If you want to talk to someone about Jesus, the answer will most likely be "no." Paul got that answer a lot too. I know when someone tells me no, it tends to set me back. I feel like I'm not accomplishing anything for the work of the Lord.

But Paul came across some brethren that were passionate about truth. As he entered Berea, he found people who received the word with all readiness. People who were eager to learn more about Jesus. People who wanted to know the truth. Are we always ready to receive the word? Are we always eager to learn more about Jesus? Or do we tend to grit our teeth and countdown the minutes until the sermon is over? Do you watch the clock hoping Bible class would end, or do you watch the clock waiting for the opportunity to worship?

Our attitude says a lot about ourselves. What's your attitude about Jesus? Is Jesus something that you can do without? Think about if Jesus wasn't part of your life. Where would you be? Who would you be married to? What would you be doing? Let's face it, because of Jesus, we are truly blessed. He has done so much for us, most of which, we don't even recognize. But yet, we would rather read our novel than read the Bible. We would rather talk to friends and family on the phone than talk to God. We would rather get to lunch than stay a few minutes extra to hear a sermon and sing some songs. Jesus gave us His life. What have we given Him?

Not only did Paul find some brethren who received the word, but they searched the scriptures daily to make sure what they were learning was true. Where did they get their authority? God's word. What was regarded as truth? God's word. What did they model their lives after? God's word. It must have been refreshing to Paul to see so many brethren wanting to study God's word. Instead of running Paul out of town, the people of Berea readily accepted Paul's teaching of Jesus Christ. I wonder how Jesus feels about my attitude. Is he refreshed and reassured because I have readily accepting the word of God and continue to study it daily? Or has Jesus lost hope in me because He knows that I will only deny Him when it really comes down to it.

Dedicate yourself to Him!

~ Kevin (orig. email on 10/25/11)

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