

Discovering Truth

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

The Way of the Lord

The following words were scribbled more than a century ago by a Confederate soldier during the Civil War:

*“I asked God for strength that I might achieve. I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked God for health that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy. I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for but everything that I hoped for. Despite myself, my prayers were answered. I am, among men, most richly blessed.”*



Sometimes we want and expect so much out of life. We think strength means I can do more. But sometimes it’s in our weakest moments that we learn the most, and maybe teach others a little something too. We think health means I can accomplish more, but often times, it’s in our sickness that we learn to draw closer to God. We think money can buy happiness, but it’s in the times that we struggle that we learn to pray to God for help. We think the more the better in life, but sometimes it’s the simple things that make you enjoy life the most.

Look around you. Do you have a family, friends, a job? Do you have a home, money to buy groceries, and clothes to wear everyday? You may not have everything you want, but I guarantee you have everything you need. The way of the Lord is a unique one. We think we know everything. We think that I am the source for all my prosperity. But God has a way of showing us who’s in control.

Paul learned this very lesson when he wrote in Philippians, “Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” (4:11). We can want all we want, but God will give us exactly what we need to survive!

Are you content with the Lord’s way? Or are we constantly trying to do things my way? Jesus says, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No man comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). Jesus is the way. I trust His way is better than mine. And when we understand that, we understand that “I am, among men, most richly blessed.”

~ Kevin

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❖ Estudios bíblicos 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

Bible Word of the Week

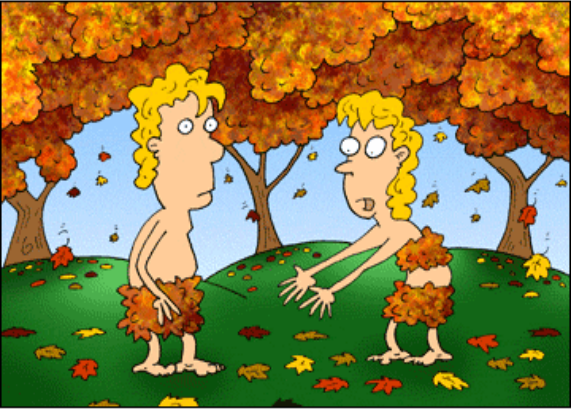
Θεός – Theos – God
(Koine Greek → English)

Koine Greek is also known as “Ancient Greek.” The New Testament writers wrote their books and letters using this form of writing.

The word for this week is the Greek word for God. It comes from the word “deity.”



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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

“Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.”
Genesis 3:7

“So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it, the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society.”

~ John Quincy Adams
6th President of United States

BIBLE FACTS:

1. The Bible was written by about 40 men over a period of about 1600 years dating from 1500 BC to about 100 years after Christ.
2. The Bible has been translated into over 1200 different languages.
3. There are 1189 chapters in the Bible.



Take Time To Be Holy

This Morning's Sermon:

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Scott Cary

This Evening's Sermon:

Song Practice

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Scripture reading: Leviticus 11:44-45

1. Introduction

A) Being Holy requires effort &

action

B) We're commanded to be Holy. (1 Pet 1:16, Lev 11:44-45)

C) What does it mean to be Holy?

D) How do we become Holy?

2. Christians must be Holy

A) God wants his children to be Holy because he is Holy. (Isa 6:3, Josh 24: 19, Lev 11:45)

B) Christ is Holy (Lk 1:35, Acts 2:27, Acts 4:27, Rev 3:7)

C) Apostles were Holy (Eph 3:5)

D) Christians are made Holy on account of our belief & faith in Christ. (Rom 8:29)

E) Christians called to be Holy...(1 Thes 4:7, 1 Cor 3:16-17)

3. How do we become Holy?

A) We become Holy to God when we become Christians...(Rom 8:29)

B) We must live righteous lives (Rom 12:1-2)

C) We cannot be a 'Light' to the world unless we're living righteously (1 Pet 2:9, 12)

D) We must be like God (Matt 5:48)

Summary/Key Points

- It takes effort & action (time) for us to 'Be Holy'.
- We MUST be Holy for God to abide in us...
- By learning & being obedient to God's will we are made Holy in his sight.
- Being Holy helps us influence/teach others about Christ...

Daily Spark #151

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."



We all have busy lives and busy schedules. Kids have to be at sports fields, we have work schedules to maintain, and busy family lives to keep up. By the time Saturday rolls around, all we want is a break. We just want to relax, recuperate, and get ready for a new week. It's amazing how many people will skip going to worship services because they are tired from the previous week's activities. They want to use their Sunday as an extra day to get ready for the new week. As I was sitting in worship services this past Sunday, I started thinking to myself that there was no other place I would rather be. It was amazing how energized I felt after gathering together with Christians. I felt ready to take on the new week after I was able to sing praises to God and study His word.

It's amazing the kind of life that Jesus can give us. It's Jesus Christ who gives us a new life. Sure after a busy week our bodies might be tired, but through Jesus, we can restore our soul. If we are in Jesus, then we are a new creation, the old things have passed away and all things have become new. I hear a lot of people say things like, "when I miss services, I just don't feel the same during the week." Or, "coming to services is like recharging my batteries for the week."

Jesus gives us true life. Like I said before, coming to church does not change our physical status. Going to church won't cure you of a disease or make you less tired. Don't get me wrong, I believe in the power of prayer and the strength of God's people, but the point I'm making is Jesus gives us a new *spiritual* life. He rejuvenates us spiritually. He picks up our spirits. He sends a shock through our souls and wakes us up. He gives us the strength to carry on during the week. He gives us the wisdom to make proper decisions.

Yes, God is capable of healing the physical needs. And many people who are sick or suffering say they feel better after they've been around God's people. But we are **all** sick and suffering spiritually. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have all made mistakes. But Jesus can make us new. Jesus can fix those wrongs. Jesus can make us complete again. Jesus can heal even the deepest spiritual wounds.

Jesus is the great physician. He gives us new life. Sitting in services is one of the greatest blessings we have. It's a chance for us to get close to God. To sing praises to Him, pray to Him, study His word, and be close with other Christians. Why do people feel like they can only come once on Sunday mornings? Why do people feel like they don't need to attend on Wednesday nights? Why do people feel like once is enough? Why wouldn't you want to be there as much as you can? Because when you are at services, you are praising God. And it's God who will make you a new creation.

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