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## Bible Word of the Week

πέτρα – petra – rock  
(pet'-ra)

**Definition:** a rock, a cliff or ledge

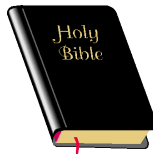


**Sentence:** “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this πέτρα I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”

Matthew 16:18

## BIBLE FACTS:

1. The word “God” appears in every book if the Bible except Esther and Song of Solomon
2. On average, it would take you 70 hours to read all the way through the Bible with no breaks.



Thanks to Dad Hengeler! (See Matthew 10:29-31) 12-02-1999  
TODAY'S READING IS MATTHEW 10:30 ...  
"BUT THE VERY HAIRS OF YOUR HEAD ARE ALL ... ER ... NUMBERED"

**“But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than the many sparrows.” ~ Matthew 10:30-31**

*“The only limits to prayer are the promises of God and His ability to fulfill those promises.”*

~ E.M. Bounds

*“We may seek God by our intellect, but we can only find Him with our heart.”*

~ Cotvos

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# Discovering Truth

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

## Finding Our Independence



BBQ, fireworks, and family... the recipe for a great Fourth of July. This Wednesday our country will celebrate one of our greatest holidays. Yes, the three things mentioned above are part of what makes this holiday great, but there is much more. This holiday is unique only to our country. On July 4, 1776 the founding fathers of this country established the “Declaration of Independence.” The declaration stated that the thirteen colonies would be independent from Great Britain.

The declaration states, *“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

Our country was founded upon Godly principles. Even our forefathers said that there are certain rights that every human has been given by our Creator.

- ❖ **Life:** Isn't that what Jesus said during His ministry? *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life” (John 5:24).* Jesus came offering life to all who believed in His Father and in His commands.
- ❖ **Liberty:** the definition of liberty is “the state of being free.” Again Jesus said that when you believe in the truth (the words of Christ) that “the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). We will be free from sin in our lives when we follow the law of God. Through the blood of Christ, we have been *liberated* from our sins.
- ❖ **Pursuit of Happiness:** Before Jesus left this world, He told His apostles, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11). Christ is the root of all happiness.  
I love this country. I love what our founding fathers have done for us, but I am especially grateful for what our God has done for us. This country was founded on the principles of the Bible. ~ Kevin

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### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

### Our Elders:

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Gus Rodriquez.....408-914-5762

### Our Evangelist:

Kevin Harrington.....714-364-7428

- ❖ If you would like a Bible study or have any questions, please contact Kevin Harrington.
- ❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo

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

## God's Blueprint For His Church

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:2-4

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and s\_\_\_\_\_

"Indeed, the safest road to Hell is a gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without sign posts."

- C.S. Lewis

- God had a p\_\_\_\_\_**
  - Matt 16:18
- This plan involved His people**
  - They would become God's h\_\_\_\_\_ n\_\_\_\_\_
  - They would be c\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus
  - They would i\_\_\_\_\_ God
  - They would come from all w\_\_\_\_\_ of l\_\_\_\_\_
- Isaiah 2:2-4**
  - It would be \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountains
  - They would be \_\_\_\_\_ concerning His ways
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ would go forth from it
  - People would \_\_\_\_\_
- God's blueprint was...**
  - A group of saved who were \_\_\_\_\_ together
  - A group that would \_\_\_\_\_ Him
  - A group of people \_\_\_\_\_ and becoming \_\_\_\_\_
  - A spiritual \_\_\_\_\_
- God's plan was for His church to be based upon His \_\_\_\_\_, not man's \_\_\_\_\_.



This Morning's Sermon:

## God's Blueprint

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Byron Canada

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## Daily Spark #186

Matthew 7:24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock"



Growing up in Bible class we always sang a song about a wise man and a foolish man. The foolish man built his house on the sand and when the storm came his house was washed away. The wise man built his house on a solid foundation, on the rock, and when a storm came, his house stood firm. I loved that song because we had a lot of hand motions that went along with it, but now that I've grown up, I like that song even more. Now I truly appreciate the story Jesus was telling and the meaning behind it.

Jesus tells the story of these two men at the tail end of the "Sermon on the Mount." And He starts the story of the wise and foolish man by saying that whoever hears these sayings (all the sayings from the Sermon on the Mount), and does them, they will be likened to the wise man. Other versions say that we will be compared to the wiser man. What made the wise man wise? He built his house on a firm foundation. He built his house on a foundation that would not be moved. When the storms came, his house stood firm in the foundation.

Jesus wants us to plant our foundation in His words. The Sermon on the Mount covers a multitude of topics like: the beatitudes, letting our light shine, how to treat other people, how to please God, how to pray, how to lay up our treasures in heaven, and so many more things. Jesus came teaching and preaching how to obtain eternal life. He is the strong foundation. He is how we will be saved from the storms.

We are going to be compared to one of the two men from Jesus' story. Jesus will either consider us wise or foolish. Which do you want to be? Isn't it awesome to know that you don't need a college degree to be considered wise? You don't need a PhD to be considered wise. All you need to do is follow the words and teachings of Jesus. Not only listen to what Jesus is telling us, but do them and apply them in your life. Jesus wants action. He wants us to build our house on the firm foundation, not just believe that the firm foundation is better than the sandy foundation.

Where have you built your house? Have you built it on the Lord's foundation? Storms in life happen more often than we would like, but with the help of Jesus we can stand firm in the foundation of His love.

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(Emailed on 6/25/12)

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