

Bible Word of the Week

ἄγγελος – aggelos – angel
(ang'-el-os) In Greek, when two gammas
(g's) are put together,
they receive the *ng* sound.



Definition: a
messenger, envoy, one
who is sent, an angel, a
messenger from God.

Sentence: “But during the night an
ἄγγελος of the Lord opened the gates of
the prison”
Acts 5:19

BIBLE FACTS:

- Isaiah made over 20
predictions (prophecies)
about Jesus and all came
true.
- There are records of Chinese
astronomers seeing what Matthew
refers to as the Star of Bethlehem.



Thanks to Jan (See Mark 4:35-41)
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JUST GIVE ME FIVE MORE MINUTES
“Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a
cushion. The disciples woke Him and
said to Him, ‘Teacher, don’t you care
if we drown?’”

~ Mark 4:38

“God is glorified, not by our groans,
but by our thanksgivings.”

~ Edwin Percy Whipple

“Education is useless without the
Bible.”

~ Daniel Webster

Discovering Truth

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

Understanding God’s Design

From the very first words of the Bible, it
is very evident that God had a specific
design in mind for His creation. Everything
around us is evidence of an intelligent
designer. God’s creation is just one area in
the scriptures where we see His intelligent
design. God gave specific instructions for
Noah when he built the ark. He gave specific instruction on how He wanted
the Tabernacle and Temple built. He gave specific laws on how He wanted
His children to live on earth. Throughout all of scripture, we see God has a
design He wants followed. Why would His church be any different?



In Acts chapter two, as Peter is delivering the first Gospel sermon, it is
evident that God even had a specific design put in place for His church.

First they heard the Gospel: In the middle of Peter’s sermon, the text
says, “Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart” (Acts 2:37).
What are we doing to make sure other people are hearing the Gospel? It is
our job to teach and preach to all the nations (Matt 28:19).

Second, they were baptized: I don’t think it’s a coincidence that when
they heard about Jesus dying and being resurrected from the dead, they
asked what they needed to do. Which mean our faith in Jesus requires
action. That starts with baptism. Peter’s response was to “repent, and let
every one of you be baptized” (Acts 2:38). However, our faith requires
action everyday. We should be living each day in a way that pleases Christ.

Third, they continued in what they were doing: It’s very important to
understand that after the people were baptized, the church had more work to
do. Being baptized is just the beginning. Everyone thinks that once you are
dipped in water, then your part is done. The text tells us that they “continued
steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship” (Acts 2:42). They
continued to follow the doctrine (God’s design for the church) given by
Jesus to the apostles. But they also continued in fellowship. They worked
together to fulfill God’s plan. How does the church today compare to the
church in Acts 2? They should be the same if we are both following God’s
plan.

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God's Blueprint For Unity

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:3-6

➤ God's plan for unity

- Christ _____ for unity (Jn. 17:17-23)
- Paul _____ unity (1 Cor. 1:10)

➤ Two things lead to division

- F_____ t_____
- Selfishness

➤ We are told to...

- B_____ (Matt. 7:15)
- A_____ (Titus 3:9)
- R_____ (Titus 3:10-11)

➤ Seven unities of the church (Eph. 4:3-6)

- One G_____ → Unity in w_____
- One L_____ → Unity in a_____
- One f_____ → Unity in m_____
- One b_____ → Unity in p_____
- One b_____ → Unity in o_____
- One h_____ → Unity in d_____
- One S_____ → Unity in l_____

The restoration movement sought to restore the church and the unification of all Christians in a single body patterned after the church in the New Testament.

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God's Blueprint for Unity

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Song Practice

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Daily Spark #191

Matthew 4:18-20 "As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

If Jesus saw you working at your everyday job and He looked at you and said, "come follow me and I will make you a fisher of men," what would your reaction be? Peter and Andrew were living their everyday lives, working their normal jobs as fishermen, when Jesus approached them and told them to follow Him. I wonder what was going through their minds. Whatever they were thinking, they obviously had no hesitations about following the Messiah during His ministry. The text says that they, "at once [immediately] left their nets and followed Him."

I often hear people say that they aren't ready to fully follow Jesus. They are busy living their lives. People are busy and they don't want to give 100% of themselves to Christ. I think that's sad. Peter and Andrew never hesitated. They didn't ask questions, they didn't doubt and they didn't worry about themselves. All they were worried about was serving Jesus Christ.

Do we truly understand what it means to be a disciple of Christ? Do we understand the privilege it is to be able to follow our Lord and Savior? I think Peter and Andrew did. Are you ready to follow Jesus? Are you ready to be a disciple of Christ? We should be willing to give up everything to serve Christ. Peter and Andrew left their jobs, their families, and their lives. They understood that following Jesus was the greatest honor they could ever receive.

I think it's time we start giving Jesus 100% of our attention. God wants us to be fishers of men. He wants us to bring other people to Him. How can we do that if we haven't even fully convinced ourselves to follow God? I think one of the reasons that Peter was so good at winning souls is because he understood and fully believed in Jesus Christ. He was ready to give Jesus his all and so it was easy for him to convince other people to do the same.

Would you give up your life for Jesus? Would you give up your family or your jobs? If you had to think about the answer to those questions, I suggest you study God's word a little bit more. God should be our number one priority. We should want to be at every worship service. We should want to help others. We should want to serve the Lord. Follow Christ and He will make you fishers of men.

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