

Bible Word of the Week

ἁμαρτία – hamartia – sin

Definition: sin.
Literally to “miss the mark.”



Sentence: “What then?
Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under ἁμαρτία.”
~ Romans 3:9

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

BIBLE FACTS:

- ❖ “Do not be afraid” appears 365 times in the Bible. A reminder for every day of the year that God is in charge.
- ❖ Fear (respect, reverence) towards God is the beginning of wisdom. When we have a healthy fear of God, there is no need to fear the world.



YOU TOTALLY THOUGHT THAT VERSE SAID TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, DIDN'T YOU?

“See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. Rejoice always, praying without ceasing”

1 Thessalonians 5:15-17

In reference to other denomination's/religion's creeds and doctrines:

“If it's more than the Bible, then it's too much. If it's less than the Bible, then it's not enough. If it's the same as the Bible, then it's not needed.”

~ Anonymous

Discovering Truth

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

How Old Are Your Children?

“How old are your children?” The Bible Class was shocked by the question. The teacher stated that he was concerned if the fathers knew how old their children were. One dad angrily replied, “of course we know how old our children are!”

The teacher replied, “I don't mean to irritate you, but you all seem confused about how old they are.”

Another parent challenged, “Tell us how we seem confused.”

“I will,” the teacher said calmly, “but you may not like the answer. I will start with Jake, who is not expected to sit still for thirty minutes during the sermon, because he is too young.”

“He is too young,” interrupted Jake's father.

“Perhaps. But you expect him to sit for hours in school,” said the teacher. “Then there is Sharon, who is old enough to sing with the radio, but is not expected to sing with the congregation. And what about Michael? He will not even say ‘Hello’ when an adult greets him after services. He learned the rules of soccer, so why can't he learn basic etiquette? And then there is Sally. Is she too young for the Bible? Her Bible class reads paraphrased Bible stories rather than the Bible itself, yet she is old enough to watch PG movies.”

“Is Jimmy really too young to learn the books of the Bible? He was able to learn the fifty states. And how can Ellen be old enough to write a paper for her school, but too young to look up Scriptures during the sermon?”

There was silence for a few minutes. Another parent said, “I have been treating my child as if he were grown up during the week and as if he were a baby on Sunday. It seems the rest of us have not done much better. God told us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). No one said a word. The silence that followed was the silence of prayer.



- Rod Halliburton

How old are **your** children? Your children are capable of great things. The easy thing to do is to hand them an iphone, ipad, tablet, or a cell phone and let them play during church. What does that teach them about God? As parents, you have a responsibility towards your children to teach them about God and how to worship Him correctly.

~ Kevin

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- ❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo Enriquez.

Remember Your Creator

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 12:1

- ❖ Who is our God?
 - He is the C _____
 - He is the g _____ of all good things
 - He is our r _____ and S _____
 - He is our E _____ Father
- ❖ Why do we remember in our youth?
 - This is where the f _____ building blocks are laid
 - Responsibility on two people:
 1. P _____
 - Study with them
 - Pray with them
 - Set God Principles
 - Give an example
 2. K _____
 - Respect your parents
 - Honor and thank your
 - Temptations are at their _____
- ❖ Why should we remember God?
 - It helps us remember who we _____ to
 - When we lost _____ on God, we lose perspective on sin
 - It helps in times of _____

“Memory is a tool to remember what we were without Him, who we are with Him, and where we are going because of Him.”

- Unknown

This Morning's Sermon:

Remember Your Creator

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Song Practice

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Daily Spark #8

Acts 5:29 "But Peter and the other apostles answered and said, 'We ought to obey God rather than man.'"

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I often times wonder what it would be like being a Christian in the first century world. I think of the Day of Pentecost where 3,000 souls were added to the church. People were giving of their means to help provide for the people who had left their homes and stayed in Jerusalem after becoming Christians. And then I think if I could be as brave and bold as the apostles were in that time. Everything seemed to be going great for the first century church. They were getting along and they were following the will of the Lord, but behind the scenes there were groups of people that couldn't stand the name of Jesus Christ. They sought to put an end to the teaching of His name.

In the earlier verses of Acts 5 we see apostles performing many signs and miracles in the name of Jesus Christ. They were healing the sick and many believers were being added to the Lord. However, the high priest and Sadducees were filled with hatred and they threw the apostles into prison. But when the apostles were summoned from prison, the doors were locked shut and guarded, but there was no one in the prison. The apostles were teaching at the temple thanks to the help of an angel of the Lord who led them out of prison and told them to go teach. The apostles were then put on trial and told not teach the name of Jesus Christ.

Paul's response is one that should never be forgotten, "We ought to obey God rather than man." I wonder if I would have had the same boldness to stand up against the authorities and proclaim God's name. The apostles were constantly being told not to talk about Jesus. But they understood that there was a message needed to be taught. They understood that Jesus Christ was greater than any man.

It makes me wonder about today. Society tells us what the "norm" is. Society tells me what I can and can't do, how to think, what to wear, how to speak, where to go, who is popular, who is pretty. Society runs our lives. Who is willing to take a stand against society? Who is willing to serve God rather than men? We let society tell us everything. What if society told me I couldn't go to church on Sundays? Would you still go? What if society told me that it is illegal to say the name Jesus Christ? Would we still be proud to call ourselves a Christian?

Sadly, society is telling us to do those very things. I know it's not illegal to talk about Jesus, and I know that we are still able to meet at church on Sundays, but society is telling us, that those things aren't that popular. If you call yourself a Christian today, you are mocked because you believe in God. You are too conservative. Why do you go to church three times a week? Why can't you do the things everyone else does? Jesus isn't here to tell you no, go ahead and give in.

Who is willing to take a stand against where this society is going? Today, it's looked down on if you want to be different. But when I look at the apostles and the first century Christians, I see men and women who dared to be different. Who dared to do what was right instead of what was accepted. Who dared to speak truth, instead of speak what people want to hear. Society will try to tell us what to wear, where to go, who to vote for, and what to look like, but it can never take away our sins.

I'm not saying go out and break the rules because society can't tell us what to do! But I am saying, never let your morals and convictions be corrupted because society thinks something is cool or acceptable. Remember, just because something is acceptable, doesn't mean it's right. God's law should always come first, because we will always come first to Him. ~ Kevin (orig. email 10/19/11)