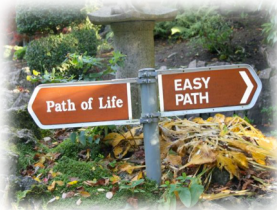


Discovering Truth

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

Following the Mainstream



When asking someone what religion they are, or what they are affiliated with, the common answer is, “I’m a Christian.” Today, you almost need clarification on what it means to be a Christian. The popular trend today is called, “mainstream Christian.” What does that mean? Is there a “not-so-common stream Christian?”

The word “mainstream” is anything to do with the common current thoughts and opinions of the majority. It’s whatever is popular in the culture or in mass media. I wonder if Jesus would have been a mainstream Christian.

If He were alive today, do you think He would call Himself a mainstream Christian? Would He be more interested in a Christian rock band or singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs? Would He be interested in what the popular belief is in the world or would He want to take a stand for truth? Would He think it’s ok if you are a homosexual, living in sin, cussing, drinking, smoking or going to places you shouldn’t be going, just as long as you love Christ?

The Jesus I read about in the New Testament would not stand for any of these things 2000 years ago, so why would He stand for them today? But yet, too many churches and Christians are accepting these things today because society and mass media has told us they are ok. More and more people are becoming accepting of things because they don’t want to hurt feelings.

I think it’s interesting that Jesus addressed this issue during His ministry. “Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it” (Matt 7:13-14). Sometimes there is the easy path because that’s what everyone else is doing, the mainstream way. But then there is God’s way, the path of life.

Try going against the current. Mainstream isn’t always the best way. Jesus stood for truth no matter what the consequences were. So should we!

~ 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

Οὐρανός – Ouranos – Heaven
(oo-ran-os’)

Definition: heaven; sky

Sentence: “From that time Jesus began to preach and say, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of οὐρανός is at hand.’”
-Matt 4:17



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TWO ANTS? YOU HAVE ONLY TWO ANTS?!? MY WIFE AND I EAT LIKE 100,000 PER DAY EACH!

Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.

~ Genesis 6:20

“All scripture is God breathed and He doesn’t waste His breath.”

- Jim McCotter

“Sin will keep you from this book. This book will keep you from sin.”

- D. L. Moody

BIBLE FACTS:

1. The longest word in the Bible is “Mahershalhashbaz” (18 letters) and is found in Isaiah 8:1
2. The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119 and the shortest is Psalm 117
3. The middle of the Bible is Psalm 118:8



Victory In Jesus

Scripture Reading: John 19:28-30

➤ Job

- He was a _____ man.
- His wife said, “_____ God and die.”
- “In all this Job did not _____ with his lips.”

➤ Our victory is through _____

- This was His _____ all along
 - John 19:28-30
- His _____ washed our sins away
 - Eph 1:7; Col. 1:14
- His _____ has given us hope
 - 1 Cor. 15:14-22

➤ Our victory is _____

- 1 Cor. 15:45-52
- Luke 6:24; John 18:36

➤ Our victory is in _____

- Rev. 20:11-15; 21:1-5

*“Oh Death, where is your sting? Oh Hades, where is your victory?...But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
~ 1 Corinthians 15:55, 57*

This Morning's Sermon:

Victory In Jesus

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

False Teachers, false Doctrines

Scott Cary

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A LOOK BACK IN TIME

*“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
– George Santayana*

*“Those that fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it.”
– Winston Churchill*

The victory over England has brought about the birth of a new country. With its new Constitution and guarantees of freedom and individual rights to its citizens, a new spirit of hope and optimism for the future was unleashed. Population growth spurred as people from all over the world flocked to America's shores. Expansion westward grew right along with it as more and more immigrants braved the new frontiers in search of their own lands and places to establish themselves.

The religious world underwent great changes as well. No longer under the tyrannical yoke of the crown and its church, the denominational sects now began to flourish and expand as the population migrated westward. Once religious freedom was assured, ministers who before were denied freedom to preach their particular form of doctrine were now able to expand both their numbers as well as their territories. Hundreds of small churches sprang up across the rural expanding frontier. It was truly a golden age of revival and growth for the protestant movement.

It was from out of this new found religious freedom that came what would soon be called the “Restoration Movement.” With this great change came an attitude of spiritual revival. People wanted to come back to God. To worship and serve Him as the scriptures taught. At first this was seen in the explosive growth in all the established denominational sects. Over time however, as these sects grew and more and more sincere hearts began reading their Bibles, searching the scriptures for themselves, they began to realize that there was vast difference in the doctrines they were practicing from those of the first century Church described in the New Testament.

In every major movement in man's history it is ultimately a spark or several small sparks that inevitably lead to the beginning of change. In the case of the Restoration Movement it is difficult to pinpoint the precise moment in time or the exact person(s) who actually provided these sparks. Within the denominations there were attempts made to reform their own structures back to a closer harmony of the scriptures. Yet, each failed to rid themselves of the human elements that were clearly not found in scripture. And as more and more men answered the call for preachers, it wasn't long before some of these men began to question the doctrines they were expected to affirm. Three such men were James O'Kelley, Elias Smith, and Barton W. Stone. In our next article we'll take a look at these and other brave men who had the courage to stand on their convictions and help to usher in a return back to the original church.

~ Scott A. Cary



Barton W. Stone

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