

"LIFE NOW CAN LEAD TO LIFE ETERNAL"

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What is the life that follows our life here? That is the question we each need to ask ourselves, and we need to be shown the correct answer as we heed Jesus' admonishment to us (Matt.24:42) *"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord will come."* His warning is timely for all generations to take heed because Jesus informed everyone that every life on earth will continue forever in a life to follow this life, but in a much different place. And all who are in the grave (John 5:29) *"shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; (a heavenly life); and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."* (We all need to make a choice to either follow Christ to a resurrection of Eternal Life, or to follow the wrong path of 'self' and the devil, to a resurrection of damnation).

We must fully understand and know for sure that there is eternal existence for every soul, and that it will follow this life... a resurrection to life; or a resurrection to damnation;... it will be in one place (Heaven), or the other place which is not (and should not) even be an option. (Reve.14:11) *"And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."*

We all need to know and can know there is a plan whereby we can escape all that is coming on a sinful, rebellious, and wicked world. God clearly stated His plan of life in His Book of Truth, so that our names can be in the Book of Life, but we have to read and heed, follow, and live by that Book of Truth. (Reve.21:27) *"And no unclean thing shall ever enter it, nor any one who is guilty of base conduct or tells lies, but only they whose names stand recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life."*

Living the Truth of the Bible and being prepared to meet Jesus via a sanctifying work of the Spirit, is not to just say we believe, but it is to live God's Truth by putting it into practice (which is what anyone will do when they truly believe on the power of Christ's Atonement sacrifice on a Cross at Calvary. To say or proclaim God's Truth is not what matters, but it has to be His Truth (not a compromise plan), and in obedient faith we have to live His Truth (John 14:15) *"If ye love me, keep my commandments."*

When we decide to live God's Truth, spiritual growth, making right decisions, and making Christ-like responses are made possible through the power of the Holy Spirit concerning everyday circumstances we meet, and situations that we face. We first have to decide to obey Christ's commands as written in the New Testament (without compromise) so we can look forward with confidence to Eternity, and that next Life with Jesus Christ. (Luke 9:62) *"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."*

There should be *no thought* of going back to the ways of no faith in God like the world lives. (Hebr.6:4) "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Spirit, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."

Many church ministers (denominational or otherwise) will quote Bible verses, but at the same time they are following the world, rather than to trust God as believers in the true faith. Since they do not live by faith themselves, they do not teach others to trust God— for healing, finances, protection, to correct injustices, and all other faith issues.

Jesus conquered Satan's power on the cross and paid the merit price for us to be delivered or healed, so there is no excuse for us to not trust on God's divine power. (Gal.6:7) "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked." The average religious message heard over the radio, (or that one might read online), does not speak on the subject of full obedience to Christ, nor do they teach that a true believer must be willing to follow instructions of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Since those ministers do not trust God for finances, they do not teach others to trust God in that way. They also do not trust God for protection under the Blood of Christ, and they reject God's divine healing plan of faith in the Atonement of Christ. To not trust God for money, protection, healing, to render justice, or any other life issue, would be blatant unbelief. Unbelievers of the world do not receive the Holy Spirit, so they are not inspired to teach God's divine Truth. (John 14:17) 'that Spirit the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him."

Most religious organizations of the world, willingly own real estate, which Jesus taught against, and they do trust on laid-up money in banks which is in opposition to Jesus' instructions to place our treasure in heaven by giving our money to the poor (and so, to have wealth in Heaven). (Matt.6:19). Church leaders in this day take responsibility for, and sign insurance *policies* to protect finances of theirs, instead of trusting God in faith for financial protection and for the provision of needs when they are needed.

Most ministers agree to taking hospital care at the first sign of a health problem, and they will sue each other in court for injustices against them, rather than placing the matter in God's hands according to (Rom.12:19-21) "Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,*" says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

When it comes to Owning real estate, laying up treasure on earth, signing for and buying insurance protection, hiring a lawyer to fight injustices against us or family, and trusting in medicines and those in the medical world, it is not the teaching of God's Truth, and it will *not* get anyone into heaven!

Every part of our life must be put in God's hands, depending on His power to be in control for us, in every part of our life now, and via His work to sanctify our heart, so to be led to Life Eternal.! Our attitudes, responses, and decisions must be Scriptural and according to the Word of God. We can be Scriptural in these things because the Holy Spirit is given to anyone who is willing to believe, and willing to accept God's Truth to be their standard of living.

We know that God wants everyone (1 Tim.2:4-6) "to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all." That unchanging Truth that God had written in Scripture so that the world could know it, believe it, and live it, is for anyone of any nation who is willing to learn through a life of faith on Him and His Word (which never changes).

The apostle Paul was inspired by God to say, (Romans 16:25-27) "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery [that's God's Truth] kept secret since the world began, but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith, to God, alone wise, be (all) glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen."

While there are thousands of religious organizations worldwide, and giving millions of religious messages in churches, also printed in books, heard on radio, or published on Web pages, most every one of them do fall short of the eternal Truth from the living God. Millions of people are deceived by Satan, to accept a false or wrong teaching that does not include the full counsel of God on vital issues of faith and trust on God's Word, that would lead one to Eternal Life.

Those religious messages do not give New Testament teaching on how to use finances Scripturally, but not to store up money for tomorrow or the future. They do not teach about trusting on God's divine almighty power for healing, nor to have a believing faith on the healing power of the Atonement blood of Christ, without dependance on the use of drugs, medicine, or hospital care.

Those ministers do not teach about trusting God to avenge wrongs without hiring a lawyer to seek justice, nor do they teach how a person should obtain what is needed for each day without going into debt; without accepting Social Security money; and without having laid-up cash in reserve in case one might need it

Nor do they teach about claiming divine protection from God alone, without the use of weapons, human surveillance devices, or insurance policies just in case needed. And they do not teach that our actions and responses to difficulties in this life is an indicator of our having faith for eternal life.

All religious messages must be inspired by the Holy Spirit and based on Scripture given for us, where God clearly explains His divine plan for a believer's protection, their provisions, finances, good health, and healing, and of great importance, having the *sin* nature replaced by His *divine* nature, through allowing Him to teach us how to

follow His plan as given in His Word. New Testament teaching is to be our standard of living because it is His roadmap to take us to a Heavenly, Eternal Life. If a minister is not speaking those Truths from God's Word, then he simply is not giving God's Truth which does not change. (Malachi 3:6) "I am the LORD, I change not."

With most churches in this world, the heads of those ministries (themselves), do follow the ways and plans of the world for healing, protection, finances, avenging injustices, and the provision of needs. They do not live a life of trust on God themselves, so they do not teach their listeners about trusting God in faith for things in this life. Many are saying "Lord, Lord," (but as Jesus explained and warned us) (Matt.7:21) "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." The will of God is to trust Him in faith, "believing on the One whom He has sent." (John 6:29).

Any person who does not really believe on God and on the One whom He has sent, cannot and does not really trust God in faith, but who follows the unbelieving ways of the world, would not be enabled to teach anyone else about God's Truth. The Holy Spirit is the One who enables a person to understand and teach the full Truth from God's Word. Jesus said that He is (John 14:17) "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

God's full Truth can become known by ourselves or any other person who will first decide to believe the Truth of God's Word, because a believing mind within oneself, is the key to understanding the true meaning of God's Word and Truth, (2 Cor.4:3-4) "If, however, the meaning of our Good News has been veiled, the veil has been on the hearts of those who are on the way to perdition, in whom the god of this [world av] has blinded their unbelieving minds, so as to shut out the sunshine of the Good News of the glory of the Christ, who is the image of God."

There are divine Principles of Truth that God inspired to be written, and which He reveals to anyone who is willing to believe. Those 'principles of Truth' cannot be changed. No matter *who* is speaking a message (or how they word it), that message would have to be according to Bible teaching and example for it to be the unchanging Truth from God.

Jesus said (John 14:6) "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." Therefore, if someone is not teaching their listeners about trusting in faith on the divine power of God (and the resurrection power of Jesus Christ), then they are not giving the same Truth that Jesus gave, and they are not being inspired by the same Holy Spirit Who inspires all true believers.

When we have the Holy Spirit within, we can respond to things according to the Word that He inspired. The Holy Spirit within is all the spiritual light anyone would need to live a righteous life of faith in Christ and to be prepared for Heaven. (Acts 4:12) "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

