

Before You Leave— Know the Truth!

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Knowing the Truth before leaving this life becomes increasingly important—due to the dreadful spiritual and moral condition of the world. Truth has been pushed so far back in the mind of the world that it is not even recognized as truth anymore.

Nevertheless, knowing the Truth from the Word before leaving this life on earth is an extremely vital issue today! Jesus prayed John 17:16 “*They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*” Every day we ask God to protect us from being part of this world’s system of unbelief and no faith in Him.

As we are still here and still have the opportunity to know the Truth, we must be alert. Matthew 24:42 “*Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*” It is a *timely* warning that every life here on earth must be *sure* of the next in eternity. Eventually, everyone John 5:29 “*Shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*”

We must know where we came *from* and where we are going *to*—because there is an eternity for every soul after this life—a resurrection to

life, or a resurrection to *damnation*—it is *one* or the *other*. Romans 14:12 “*So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.*”

There is a *plan* that enables us to escape the Tribulation and all that is coming on a rebellious and wicked world. God states His *plan* in the *Bible* so that we can be confident that our names will be in the *Book of Life*—but we have to *read* and *heed* and *live* that Truth. Revelation 21:27 “*There shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.*”

Living the Truth of the Bible and being prepared to meet Jesus is not just *saying* we believe, but it is *living* God’s Truth like we *do believe* in the atoning work and eternal sacrifice of Jesus. We have to *know* God’s Truth and *retain* it in heart John 14:15 “*If ye love me, keep my commandments.*”

When we accept God’s Truth, spiritual growth, right decisions, and Christ-like responses will be the result as the Holy Spirit enables us—but we *first* have to decide to obey Christ’s commands as they are written in the New Testament. Luke 9:62 “*No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*”

It is vital that we *know* and *live* God’s Truth. Hebrews 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.*”

Church ministers often quote Bible verses, but at the same time are following the world’s system of unbelief, rather than trusting God in believing faith. Since they do not live by faith themselves, they are not teaching others to live by

faith in God—for healing, finances, protection, justice concerning wrongs, and other faith issues.

Jesus destroyed Satan’s power on the cross, so there is no excuse for not trusting on God’s divine power in our life. Galatians 6:7 “*Be not deceived; God is not mocked*”—we *reap* what we *sow*. The average religious message on the radio or online, does not speak on obedience to Christ nor that a believer must follow the instructions in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5, 6, 7.

Most ministers do *not* trust God for finances, so they do *not* teach *others* to trust God in that way. They put no faith in God for protection under the Blood of Christ, and they reject God’s divine healing plan of faith in the Atonement sacrifice of Jesus.

To not trust God for money, for protection, for healing, for justice, or for any other life issue is blatant unbelief in Almighty God. Unbelievers do *not* receive the Holy Spirit, so they are *not* inspired to teach God’s Truth.

Most religious organizations own real estate and trust on laid-up money in banks—in opposition to Jesus’ instructions to place our treasure in heaven by giving our money to charity Matthew 6:19. Churches today purchase insurance *policies* to protect their financial *assets*—instead of trusting God in faith for financial protection with no back-up reserves.

The majority of church attendants seek hospital care at the first sign of health problems, and they sue in court for any injustice against them—rather than placing the matter in God’s hands by following Romans 12:19 “*Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.*” Deuteronomy 32:35.

Owning real estate; keeping financial assets in banks; buying insurance; hiring a lawyer; and trusting in the medical world is *not* the teaching of God’s Truth and will *not* get anyone into heaven! Every part of our life must be in God’s hands for His control—*every part!*

Our attitudes; our responses; and our decisions must be scriptural and according to the Word of God—and we *can* be scriptural in these things because the Holy Spirit is given to *all* who is *willing to believe* and *willing to accept* God’s Truth as their standard of living.

God wants everyone 1 Timothy 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.*” The Truth that God had written so the world could *know* it, *believe* it, and *live* it, is for *anyone* of any nation.

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 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 glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.*”

There are millions of religious organizations giving millions of religious messages in churches, printed in books, or preached online, but most fall short of the eternal Truth from the living God. Satan deceives millions to accept a teaching that does not include the full counsel of God on vital issues of faith and trust.

Such religious messages do not give financial teaching on how to *use* money but *not store* money for the future—nor do they teach on divine healing and how to trust in believing faith on the Blood of Jesus without using drugs or seeking medical attention.

These church leaders do not teach on trusting God to avenge wrongs without suing in court; nor do they teach that we should *not* go into debt; should *not* accept Social Security checks; and should *not* have laid-up cash anywhere on earth.

They do *not* teach their listeners to trust God in faith for divine protection without the use of weapons; iron gates; insurance policies; or other such devices. Any religious message must come from Scripture—where God clearly explains His divine plan for protection, provisions, finances, health, healing, and having the *sin* nature replaced by His *divine* nature—through His personal teaching. The *Bible* must be our *standard* of living.

Most churches follow the world’s plans for protection, money, healing, justice, and other such issues—they simply do *not* live a life of trust on God themselves, so they do *not* teach their listeners to trust God in their life either. Many praise the Lord in words—but Matthew 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.

Anyone who does not really *believe* God and does not really *trust* God, but follows the ways of the world, would *not* be able to teach anyone else God’s Truth. The Holy Spirit is the One who enables us 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 Truth *can* be known—2 Corinthians 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] 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.*”

The divine principles of truth that God inspired to be written, and which He reveals to anyone who is willing to believe, cannot be changed. No matter *who* is speaking a message or *how* they

word it, it would have to be according to Bible teaching for it to *be* the Truth.

Jesus said John 14:6 “*I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*” If anyone is not teaching their listeners about trusting in faith on the power of God, then they are not giving the same Truth Jesus gave, because the Holy Spirit only inspires those who are *willing* to believe.

When we *have* the Holy Spirit, we *can* respond to things scripturally. The Holy Spirit within is all the spiritual light anyone needs to live a righteous life of faith in Christ and 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.*”

Teaching people to trust God for everything in life—including spiritual growth by faith in Christ, is a *requirement* of God—and He is waiting to teach anyone *how* to live by faith in Jesus. We, however, must make the *choice* and we have to be *willing* to learn. Hebrews 12:14 “*Persistently strive for peace with all men, and for that growth in holiness apart from which no one will see the Lord.*”

Teaching people to live by faith in Christ and to trust God for salvation can be said in many ways, but God’s Truth is always the same, because *God* is always the same—He *cannot* change. Malachi 3:6 “*For I am the LORD, I change not.*”

God is our Deliverer, Protector, Supplier, Healer, and Avenger—if we are *willing* to place our faith and trust on Him. *Trusting* on the Atonement of Christ is the *true* Christian life—it is God’s *Eternal Truth* that we must *know* and *live* before leaving earth!



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