

# Continuing Education in Truth!

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The message of the Bible is that *God* teaches us—and Jesus said AV **Matthew 23:10** “*One is your Master, even Christ.*”

We can *plant* and *water* the word of truth, but it is God alone who AV **1 Corinthians 3:7** “*giveth the increase.*”

If we are troubled and burdened with the cares of life, Jesus tells us to AV **Matthew 11:28** “*Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.*”

From the day we began life—learning begins and continues. Learning new things is part of life and our spiritual education increases—finally reaching the age of accountability—which is when we can choose what information is important to retain, and what we should reject. Learning just never stops!

Before ascending back into Heaven, Jesus told us it is the Holy Spirit who will AV **John 16:13** “*Guide you into all truth.*”

The *Spirit of God* will help us learn the *Word of God*—He then empowers us to do the *will of God*—which is always by obeying the Scriptures.

[Matthew 23:10; 1 Corinthians 3:7; Matthew 11:28; John 16:13]

Our learning continues every day—and *what* we learn can include many different aspects of life—but it is an everyday progressing in faith toward the promised inheritance in Christ.

The human heart has a *rebellious* nature from day one that is obsessed with trying to *live* right and trying to *decide* right by its own ability—but the flesh NKJV **John 6:63** “*profits nothing.*”

As we decide to continue our education on spiritual issues, Satan will use our propensity to do things in our *own* strength to deceive us into believing we *can* succeed.

This self-trust is a big spiritual hindrance, so we must stay focused on learning spiritual lessons from God by responding to things as His Word instructs. Learning from God every *day* means giving our life to Him every *minute*. It is consciously yielding *our* will to be *His* will.

As we confess and forsake our *sins*—it moves us to a position of obeying God’s *Word*. When we are willing to *believe*, we are given God’s *Spirit*—who guides us, teaches us, and directs our steps from that moment.

We do not need a huge amount of spiritual knowledge at first because God requires no *merit* from us. He only requires the *value* of the Blood shed *for* us—and this *price* has already been *paid*.

Anything God *had* against us is *canceled* by the Atonement of Jesus. This opens the way for His *power* to work for us and His *Spirit* to enlighten us. No value is required *from* us—just a willing heart *in* us.

To purchase anything, the *money* is the *merit*, and the *cash* is the *reason* we are given the item. God’s love for us is so intense, that He *wants* to give us what we need.

His love for us is the *same* love He has for His Son. The sacrifice of Jesus paid the *debt* of our sins. The cross *deletes* any hindrance of God *doing* things for us. [John 6:63]

Satan has a plan to *rob* people and to *hinder* spiritual learning—he gets them *away* from the *Word*. Very few people realize that our hope of entering the *Kingdom of God* can only result from following the *Word of God*—which educates us to trust in *faith* on the divine *power* of God.

*Many* think they can receive Eternal Life through the Atonement of Christ—but *without* obedience to the Word. They *think* that obedience to the Word is depending on *works* for salvation—they say it is *adding* something to Christ’s work of Atonement—but God says AV **Romans 4:16** “*It is of faith, that it might be by grace.*”

The faith of Abraham—is the *believing* and *acting* faith of every true child of God. Our hope of *God’s Kingdom* is to actively trust on the Atonement of *God’s Son*—it is the *value* paid. We are to place our faith on *that* and *not* on something else.

The Law given to *Israel* had to be obeyed and in their *own* strength—and it just proved that it was *not* possible to do that.

Then Jesus came to give us Eternal Life through His sacrifice on the cross, and to give the *power* to obey His Word through His Spirit within.

AV **John 14:15** “*If ye love me, keep my commandments [WEY you will obey my commandments].*” The Word is to be obeyed in *God’s* strength—*not* our *own*.

The Holy Spirit will enable us to see that if we place ourselves in the *school of Christ* and we are willing to *stay* there—meeting people and situations and all other issues as the Bible instructs—our spiritual education will progress.

Our *victories* in *this* life and our *hope* for *Eternal Life* depend on our *faith* in the *Blood* of Christ as the *merit*; the *power* of *God* as the *means*; and *obedience* to the *Word* as the *condition*.

[Romans 4:16; John 14:15]

Traveling by rail requires that we have the ticket price as the *merit*; the train engine has the *power* as the *means*; and our *obedience* to their *schedule* is the *condition*.

WEY 1 John 2:3 “*By this we may know that we know Him—if we obey [keep AV] His commands.*”

The first two humans on earth had everything provided—free of charge. *That* would make *anyone* happy and contented.

This perfect paradise environment resulted from totally trusting God as their Provider and Protector. It was as *natural* for them to trust Him as it was to *breathe*.

Before they sinned through disobedience, if anyone had suggested that they should *depend on* the various things that most people depend on *today*, they would have thought only a *fool* would change the perfect plan *they* had. *Why wouldn't I trust God—the Creator of the universe & Designer of our bodies freely provides everything!*

The Atonement of Christ opens the way for *us* to return to that *same* position they had in the Garden of Eden—total dependence on the living God for everything in this life.

God *created* us to *live* that way—to *depend* on Him alone for physical and spiritual healing; for daily food and financial expenses; for change in attitudes where needed; and for a forgiving attitude in us toward everyone.

Divine power works *only* when we have made a final *decision* to *depend* in faith on God alone—that is what the NT teaches.

The apostle wrote that your faith and 1 Corinthians 2:5 WEY “*Your trust might rest not on the wisdom of man but on the power of God.*”

The Holy Spirit will teach us how to eliminate human dependence and will guide us to a position of total dependence on God for everything—we just provide the *willingness* to learn.

[1 John 2:3; 1 Corinthians 2:5]

This is in *contrast* to those who *say* they are Christians, but who have been taught by their church that God does *not do* things for people today.

This wrong teaching results in anything and everything getting between them and God—*things* that become *idols*—leading to the serious sin of idolatry.

If the one leading the congregation does not trust God in faith for divine healing, financial trust, and for correcting wrongs done to them, how could they teach their *congregation* to do that. At the first sign of physical *problems*, many ministers seek medical *assistance* or use drugs a doctor has prescribed.

This *no faith in God attitude* will result in a horrible awakening on Judgment Day—but it will be eternally too late! Jesus would *have* to say AV Matthew 25:12 “*I know you not*”—because they knew *Him* not—not enough to trust Him.

With the great God of Heaven by our side—with all power and authority in Heaven and on earth at our service and at no cost—we have no excuse to turn our back on Him and to put our faith in something else.

It is foolish from *any* viewpoint and will result in an eternal Lake of Fire—if there is no repentance and no returning to a position of trust on the living God.

All true Bible believers trusted in God alone, because that is the *message* of Truth from God's *Word of Truth*—a Word that cannot change; an Atonement Blood of Christ that has paid the price; and the Holy Spirit Who will always inspire faith in any willing soul.

All Three remain the same to this day—AV Hebrews 13:8 “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.*”

[Matthew 25:12; Hebrews 13:8]

We have to be delivered from the *sin nature*—as that nature *worries*; gets *upset*; and is *anxious* about things. This being *troubled* or *fearful* can follow us far into our Christian life.

Satan always tries to *discourage*, and he will remind us of a thousand possible problems. He wants our *worry* to become *fear*, then lead to *doubt*, and then to the *dissolution* of our *faith* in God.

In the *school of spiritual lessons*, we learn *not* to worry and *not* to be fearful and *not* to NIV Philippians 4:6 “*be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*”

As our spiritual education continues, we will learn to trust God alone, and things will AV Romans 8:28 “*Work together for good to them that love God.*”

*Worry* is the result from listening to *Satan's* suggestions. If we believe his *lies*, he can *continue* with his oppressive *thoughts*—but when we believe God's *Truth*, He is able to *deliver* us from them.

NIV 1 Peter 5:7 “*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*”

If we will take a *stand* of faith, *trust* God, and *continue* with our spiritual education, *Satan's self-power* is *disabled* and God's *divine power enabled*.

Then NKJV Philippians 4:7, “*the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*”

Our learning spiritual *lessons* and our education in God's *Truth*, continues every day!



[Philippians 4:6; Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:7]

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