

Truth, Power, Fear and Understanding.

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Our God the living God the Father of Jesus Christ is the creator of all things seen and unseen. Our flesh and blood bodies can only be redeemed by faith and confessing Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Our salvation depends on our obeying the commands of the Father and the teachings of Jesus Christ in the four gospels, otherwise we will fall and never enter God's place of rest. **Hebrews 5:8-9** **8** *So even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered.* **9** *In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him.* (NLT) **Hebrews 4:11** **11** *Let us do our best to enter that place of rest. For anyone who disobeys God, as the people of Israel did, will fall.* (NLT)

God is calling out this day as He has every day in the past for a holy people who will obey and listen to the Holy Spirit. He has given us the instruction manual the Holy Bible as our road map. **2 Timothy 3:16** **16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine [is useful to teach us what is true], for reproof [to make us realize what is wrong in our lives], for correction [it straightens us out], for instruction in righteousness [teaches us to do what is right]:* (KJV) He gives the Holy Ghost to those who ask and they will receive power and the truth to worship God in the spirit and truth. **Luke 11:9-13** **9** *And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. **10** For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. **11** If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? **12** Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? **13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?* (KJV) **John 16:13-14** **13** *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.* (KJV)

I pray as you read and study this booklet let the Holy Spirit open your eyes for knowledge and wisdom to be gleaned so that you will receive understanding of the Word of God, the truth and the importance of obeying all the commands of the Father and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our salvation depends upon our obedience. Become a mature Christian who speaks and lives the truth as Christ did. Praise the Lord for all He has done. **Psalms 111:7-10** **7** *All he does is just*

and good, and all his commandments are trustworthy. ⁸ They are forever true, to be obeyed faithfully and with integrity. ⁹ He has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! ¹⁰ Reverence for the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. The rewards of wisdom come to all who obey him. Praise his name forever! (NLT)

What Is God's Truth?

This morning May 15, 2002 in my prayer closet I heard this question in the spirit. What is God's truth? Then I asked the question out loud and this is what the Holy Spirit spoke. "My truth is My Word. What is My Word? My Son is My Word. The Bible is My Word. Knowledge and wisdom revealed to My sons and daughters in dreams, visions, and hearing in the spirit is My Word. My Word does not lie, but man distorts My truth and makes it a lie. Only by worshiping Me in the spirit, for I am a Spirit, may you discern if what comes from the lips of man is the truth or a lie. There is no other way. My Kingdom is not of word, but of power. My Kingdom power comes from being born of the Spirit. My truth will be found by those born of the Spirit, for I give them power and the gifts of the Spirit to do My work. Those who find the truth know it comes from a relationship with me in their prayer closet. They know My voice and I know their voice. Seek Me in prayer and I give freely knowledge and wisdom to those who put Me first in all things with praise and worship. I am a God of order and a sovereign God and My Spirit is in all living things and My Spirit is power to do My will as I see fit. Who is man to question My works. For when man rejects part of My truths, he rejects me. When man rejects Me, he has made himself the teacher and Me the student. Woe unto that man in the day of judgment. Life and death are in My truth. What fruit do you chose, the tree of knowledge (death) or the tree of life? I love all, but man must make a choice between life or death. Remember My truth always covers man's doctrines, no matter how logical his words may be. I tarry not, I come. Are you ready to receive me?"

The Word of God speaks through out about the truth of God, being in truth and obeying the truth. We look later at 2 John, where John writes in verse three being in truth and love. The question we must ask, what is truth?

Webster's Dictionary defines truth— (1. the quality of being in accordance with experience, facts, or reality; conformity with fact.) Conformity with FACT is--"The whole Word of God, the complete Word of God, being in obedience to God's Word and the Doctrine of Christ from the four gospels." The truth is confirmed and expounded (to set forth. to defend with argument, to explain by setting forth in careful and often elaborate detail) in the epistles of the New Testament. The epistles are only for those who have gone through the Book of Acts and received the Holy Ghost as Jesus commanded. [See booklet titled 'What Is Meant By Being In The Spirit']

Easton's Bible Dictionary defines truth-- Used in various senses in Scripture. In Proverbs 12:17, 19 **17** An honest witness tells the truth; a false witness tells lies. **19** Truth stands the test of time; lies are soon exposed. (NLT) it denotes that which is opposed to falsehood. In *Isaiah 59:14-15* **14** *Our courts oppose people who are righteous, and justice is nowhere to be found. Truth falls dead in the streets, and fairness has been outlawed.* **15** *Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who tries to live a godly life is soon attacked. The LORD looked and was displeased to find that there was no justice.* (NLT); *Jeremiah 7:28* **28** *Say to them, 'This is the nation whose people will not obey the LORD their God and who refuse to be taught. Truth has vanished from among them; it is no longer heard on their lips.* (NLT), it means fidelity or truthfulness. The doctrine of Christ is called "the truth of the gospel"--*Galatians 2:5* **5** *But we refused to listen to them for a single moment. We wanted to preserve the truth of the Good News for you.* (NLT), *2Timothy 3:7* **7** *Such women are forever following new teachings, but they never understand the truth.* (NLT); *2Timothy 4:4* **4** *They will reject the truth and follow strange myths.* (NLT) . Our Lord says of himself, "I am the way, and the truth" *John 14:6* **6** *Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. 7 If you had known who I am, then you would have known who my Father is. From now on you know him and have seen him!"* (NLT).

Without the truth, we are incomplete (lacking a part or parts; not whole), incompetent (without adequate ability, knowledge), incompatible (not compatible; not able to exist in harmony or agreement; not going, or getting along well together, discordant). *2 Timothy 2:5* **5** *Follow the Lord's rules for doing his work, just as an athlete either follows the rules or is disqualified and wins no prize.* (NLT) *2 Timothy 3:5-6* **5** *They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.* **6** *They are the kind who work their way into people's homes and win the confidence of vulnerable women who are burdened with the guilt of sin and controlled by many desires.* (NLT) But with the truth we are complete, competent, and compatible-- *Psalms 85:10* **10** *Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed!* (NLT) *2 Corinthians 13:8* **8** *Our responsibility is never to oppose the truth, but to stand for the truth at all times.* (NLT)

Let us look at the complete scripture of 2 John. *2 John 1:1-13* **1** *This letter is from John the Elder. It is written to the chosen lady and to her children, whom I love in the truth, as does everyone else who knows God's truth--***2** *the truth that lives in us and will be in our hearts forever.* **3** *May grace, mercy, and peace, which come from God our Father and from Jesus Christ his Son, be with us who live in*

truth and love. [Psalms 85:10 ¹⁰ Unfailing love and truth have met together. Righteousness and peace have kissed! (NLT)] **[Live in the Truth]** ⁴ *How happy I was to meet some of your children and find them **living in the truth** [obeying all the Word of God], just as we have been commanded by the Father. ⁵ And now I want to urge you, dear lady, that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we had from the beginning. ⁶ **Love means doing what God has commanded us**, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning. ⁷ Many deceivers have gone out into the world. They do not believe that Jesus Christ came to earth in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. ⁸ Watch out, so that you do not lose the prize for which we have been working so hard. Be diligent so that you will receive your full reward. ⁹ For if you wander beyond the teaching of Christ, you will not have fellowship with God. But if you continue in the teaching of Christ, you will have fellowship with both the Father and the Son. [Vs 7-9 Describes all religions that deny Christ as a deity in human form, died and was raised again to sit at the right hand of God in heaven above all principalities and power.] ¹⁰ If someone comes to your meeting and does **not teach the truth about Christ**, don't invite him into your house or encourage him in any way. ¹¹ Anyone who encourages him becomes a partner in his evil work. **[Conclusion]** ¹² Well, I have much more to say to you, but I don't want to say it in a letter. For I hope to visit you soon and to talk with you face to face. Then our joy will be complete. ¹³ Greetings from the children of your sister, chosen by God. (NLT)*

Here are other scriptures that speak of the truth and what the truth is and how to apply the truth in our Christian walk with Jesus.

Christ is coming to judge the nations with his truth--**Psalms 96:13** ¹³ *before the LORD! For the LORD is coming! He is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness and **all the nations with his truth.*** (NLT)

Psalms 25:5 ⁵ ***Lead me by your truth** and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.* (NLT)

1 Sam 12:24 ²⁴ *Only fear the LORD, and **serve him in truth** with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.* (KJV)

Luke 11:27-28 ²⁷ *As he was speaking, a woman in the crowd called out, "God bless your mother--the womb from which you came, and the breasts that nursed you!" ²⁸ He replied, "**But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God [the truth] and put it into practice.**"* (NLT)

John 4:23-24 ²³ *But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall **worship the Father in spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. ²⁴ God is a Spirit: and **they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*** (KJV)

John 8:31-32 **31** Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you keep obeying my teachings. **32** And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (NLT)

John 14:21 **21** Those who obey my commandments [the truth] are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them, and I will love them. And I will reveal myself to each one of them." (NLT)

John 18:37 **37** Pilate replied, "You are a king then?" "You say that I am a king, and you are right," Jesus said. "I was born for that purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." (NLT)

Romans 1:25 **25** Instead of believing what they knew was the truth about God, they deliberately chose to believe lies. So they worshiped the things God made but not the Creator himself, who is to be praised forever. Amen. (NLT)

Romans 2:5-11 **5** But no, you won't listen. So you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself because of your stubbornness in refusing to turn from your sin. For there is going to come a day of judgment when God, the just judge of all the world, **6** will judge all people according to what they have done. **7** He will give eternal life to those who persist in doing what is good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. **8** But he will pour out his anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and practice evil deeds. **9** There will be trouble and calamity for everyone who keeps on sinning--for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. **10** But there will be glory and honor and peace from God for all who do good--for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. **11** For God does not show favoritism. (NLT)

1 Corinthians 13:5-6 **5** or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. **6** It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. (NLT)

Ephesians 4:15 **15** Instead, we will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. (NLT)

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 **7** And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. (NLT) [The truth is obeying the Good News of Jesus Christ; otherwise we are in sin without repentance and will be judged.]

2 Thessalonians 2:13 **13** As for us, we always thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are thankful that God chose you to be

among the first to experience salvation, a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy **and by your belief in the truth.** (NLT)

2 Timothy 3:16 ¹⁶ *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us **what is true** and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.* (NLT)

Titus 1:2 ¹ *This letter is from Paul, a slave of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. I have been sent to bring faith to those God has chosen and to **teach them to know the truth** that shows them how to live godly lives.* ² *This truth gives them the confidence of eternal life, which God promised them before the world began--and he cannot lie.* (NLT)

Titus 3:11 ¹¹ *For people like that have turned away **from the truth.** They are sinning, and they condemn themselves.* (NLT)

1 John 2:3-4 ³ *And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments.* ⁴ *If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person **is a liar** and does not live in the truth.* (NLT)

Revelation 21:8 ⁸ *But cowards who turn [those Christians who fear man and not God, the fearful] away from me, and unbelievers, and the corrupt, and murderers, and the immoral, and those who practice witchcraft, and idol worshipers, and **all liars**--their doom is in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur. This is the second death."* (NLT) This is the truth of God's Word.

We have studied the Word of God and **found it takes both truth and love** in our lives to have grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and from Jesus Christ his Son.

The Lord teaches this day—"Who speaks my truths? Is it those who listen not to my Spirit? Is it those who deny parts of my Word? Is it those who disobey my commandments? Is it those who call upon my name, but love the pleasures of the world? Is it those who have no time for me in their prayer closet? Is it those who take offense when they hear my truths? Is it those who know about all the worldly sports figures and movie stars, but not me?

Again, who speaks my truths? It is the ones I have called. It is the ones who answered the call. It is the ones who listen and obey the Spirit. It is the ones who read and obey my Word. It is the ones I meet daily in their secret place. It is the ones who know my voice and I their voice. It is the ones who always have praises for me on their lips. It is the ones who are holy as I am holy. It is the ones who love their lives not unto death. It is the ones who may look like a fool in the eyes of the world. It is the ones who walk with me in the cool shadows of the evening. It is the ones that are one with me as I am with the Father.

They are the ones who will speak my truths without compromise. They are the ones who are not in the world. They are the ones the world hates, Churches and Christians included. They are the ones I protect and bless in this world. They

are the ones to receive all of the rewards of heaven. They are mine.” Amen.

“What Is God’s Power And Why Do We Need It?”

June 3, 2002 as I woke up, the Lord started speaking to me about His power. Later in my prayer closet this is what I received and I recorded under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

When power is given from heaven, the gifts of the Spirit prove to a blind and sinful people that the person speaking God’s truths will be proven through signs, wonders, and miracles. Power is given by God to His people. He delegates the gifts of the Spirit to the body of Christ. But since the present day church (the body of Christ) has denied the power of the Holy Spirit, now God is giving that power (authority) over to a chosen few. He has selected the chosen and prepared them to bring forth His truth in these latter days of the last days. For God’s Kingdom is not of word, but of power. The question to be asked is “What is power”? God’s spoken word is power. All of creation came into being by the spoken word of God, His power.

As priests of His Kingdom we must desire God’s power (the Holy Spirit upon us) before we can do His works as it is commanded in His Word by speaking and praying His Word. When we deny God’s power and try to do His work without power, this is sin. Sin is disobedience to His Word. When we deny God’s power and say it died in an era of the past; we are making God a liar. God does not lie. If we lie, we belong to the world (the prince of the air). He was a liar from the beginning and will always be a liar to the end. Those who deny God’s power is a liar.

God is a Spirit. To serve God we must be in the Spirit. To be in the Spirit we must receive power. If we have received power, the evidence will be speaking in tongues. Jesus Christ commanded us to tarry and receive power before we serve Him. Without power, we are in sin. With sin, we have not truth and love. Without truth and love, we have no grace, mercy or peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ his Son. Therefore, we have no life only death and destruction in this world and we will not see the world to come. We will only be judged and cast into the lake of fire forever and ever.

Jesus Christ said in-- **John 8:31-32** **31** *Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;***
32 ***And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

(KJV) There is IF - AND in what Jesus spoke. To continue in His word is to obey His word and by obeying His word you shall know the truth. The truth shall make you free. Free of what? Free of the cares of this world and being controlled by the prince of the air of this world. Without the truth, we cannot receive power. Without power, we cannot serve God in truth and love. Those

who despise wisdom and instruction of the truth are fools and they fear not the Lord and His judgments. Whoever finds truth finds life and wins approval from the Lord. But those who miss the truth have injured themselves, for they hate the truth and love death. They depart not from evil, but live in sin, for they are wise in their own eyes without the fear of the Lord. They are caught in their own trap and are afraid of death and destruction that is coming upon this wicked world. Without power from the Lord, there is no fear of the Lord. Without fear of the Lord there is a lack of knowledge. Without knowledge of the truth, God's people are dying for they deny the power of God.

To serve God, we must desire, seek and pray for God to give His gifts. They are free and given as the Holy Spirit sees fit. We must be one with Jesus Christ, as He is one with the Father, as Jesus prayed. For if we are sanctified through His truth and His Word is truth, then we will not be of this world; but will be in this world and will be kept from the evil one of this world. Strive for the truth and pursue love and be one with the Father and the Son in power. Then you will be ready to receive your salvation on that day when He comes again. Amen.

What Is Fear?

As I was praying in the spirit this date July 10, 2002, I heard the word fear and questions about fear. I picked up my pen and recorded the following from the Holy Ghost.

Fear! What is fear? Is fear good or bad? What is the greatest fear Christians have today? Why do Christians have a fear of death?

This is what the Lord spoke—"Fear is the unknown caused by a lack of knowledge. Fear can be good and bad. Fear of Me and obeying Me can save your soul from Hell. Fear is bad for those who walk not with Me, but for the pleasures of this world. Christians are in fear for the loss of their possessions they have and are accumulating in the world. They fear sickness and disease. They fear pollution is killing them. They speak of these fears among one another. Their biggest fear of all is death of their flesh and blood bodies.

They live in fear and die in fear because of lack of knowledge. They have chosen gold and silver over knowledge and wisdom. Their days are shortened and their greatest fears come to pass. But those who have entered into My Kingdom and walk and commune with Me in the spirit know My truths and have love and peace, for they abide in My shadow and I supply all their needs daily. They praise and give testimony to My working in their lives.

I defeated death on the cross. I suffered on the cross sickness and disease. By My death on the cross, you are dead to sin and disease of the devil. He is powerless for those who have My Father's gift. For to them the keys are given of the Kingdom, to loosen and bind what is in heaven and on earth.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue. What fruit are you eating from? There is no need to speak death. Speak life. Fear Me and not the world and its pleasures. Those who are seeking the world first and Me second without My power are weak and the devil devours you with sin and disease. Those who seek Me first and reject My power because of lack of knowledge or denying My power because you have been told it is of the Devil, you are also devoured by the devil with sin and disease. Without My power you cannot experience the things of the world to come and know Me intimately. With My power you will have no fear of death for you will have already died and gained your life, if you are one with Me as I am one with the Father. You will know your home is not on this earth but with Me. Daily you would seek Me and prepare yourself to receive your salvation with no fear; only rejoicing and looking forward to that day. Fear is of the devil. If you have fear of death, you have Me not, for you have not truth and love. Lay up heavenly treasures and not earthly treasures. Then you will be overcomers and remain faithful until the end to receive all the rewards laid up in heaven for you. And while you will walk on this earth until that day of salvation, you will have victory over sin and disease. I defeated the Devil and your job is to keep him defeated. Your battle is not the physical things of the world, but principalities, powers and rulers of darkness of this world and spiritual wickedness in high places. With My power you have no fears and you will walk in victory. If you have fear, you have not My power and the devil is roaring about devouring you with fear, sickness and sin.

How much longer are you going to walk in fear? Desire the pure spiritual milk and crave the strong meats and move to maturity. No longer be baby Christians with the fear of death upon you. As with all things it is a choice. In love, truth and peace chose life with Me. I come. I tarry not.”

Hebrews 5:12-14 **12** You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things a beginner must learn about the Scriptures. You are like babies who drink only milk and cannot eat solid food. **13** And a person who is living on milk isn't very far along in the Christian life and doesn't know much about doing what is right. **14** Solid food is for those who are mature, who have trained themselves to recognize the difference between right and wrong and then do what is right. (NLT)

Understanding

October 7, 2002 the Lord explained understanding. He can give us understanding by the Spirit and we can receive understanding by reading or going to school. BUT our understanding is still limited by our finite mind. Why is understanding still limited? Because until we walk in, participate in or experience what the Spirit gives, what we have read, or what we have learned in school will be incomplete.

Examples—The baptism of the Holy Spirit, you understand only when you have received it and participated in it. Flying an airplane, until you do it and are qualified, only then do you understand and have the skills to fly.

To serve God in his perfect will, we must seek God in prayer and in his Word, be willing to drink the new wine and be willing to change. We must be a participator and do as the Spirit commands by obeying and being in the truth of his Word. Only then can we begin to operate in the gifts of the Spirit and answer the call God has given each of us. At that time and only then will our understanding increase because we walk and participate. Words of knowledge are the beginnings of understanding, but only by doing it will our understanding come to completeness in that area.

As the Lord spoke to me and said—“What is, will no longer be and what’s to be will be the opposite of what was.” We will have to live it, walk in it and see it day by day as God’s judgments continue on this nation until completed. At that time, we will have an understanding of the “opposite of what was”. Amen. ***Psalms 119:104 104** Your commandments [the truth] give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. (NLT) Look what this verse is saying—“Your commandments [the truth] give me understanding”. How do we get understanding? By obeying the commandments of God, his Holy Word. By obeying, we walk and produce fruit. By doing, we then have understanding with love and truth. **John 14:23 23** Jesus answered and said unto him, *If a man love me, he will keep my words [my commandments which is the truth]: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (KJV) I **John 2:3-6 3** And how can we be sure that we belong to him? By obeying his commandments. **4** If someone says, "I belong to God," but doesn't obey God's commandments [the truth], that person is a liar and does not live in the truth. **5** But those who obey God's word really do love him. That is the way to know whether or not we live in him. **6** Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did. (NLT)**

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