

# The Word of Life Messenger

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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“God has spoken in his holiness” (Psalms 60:6). The Bible is the word of God. Therefore man should pay close attention to the Bible.

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

“That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (2 Peter 1:19-21).

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” (1 Thes. 2:13).

These three passages of scripture teach us that the Bible is the word of God. The modernists teach that the Bible contains the words of God, thus intimating that the Bible also contains the words of man.

That is satanic teaching and should be denounced, because the Bible, the whole Bible is the word of God.

### **God Commands His People To Study His Word**

First, for knowledge; “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15).

“Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls” (Matt. 11:29).

“Search the scripture” (John 5:30). “And that ye study to be quiet” (1 Thes. 4:11).

Second, for growth; “Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies and envies, and all evil speakings,

As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:1-2).

Here is an example of believers searching the scriptures.

“And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable

women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few” (Acts 17:10-12).

“Search the scriptures” (John 5:39). “The Greek word here rendered search, signifies a strict, close diligent search, such as men make when they are seeking gold, or hunters when they are in earnest after game.

“We must not rest content with having given a superficial reading to a chapter or two, but with the candle of the Spirit we must deliberately seek out the hidden meaning of the word. Holy Scripture requires searching. Much of it can only be learned by careful study. No man who merely skims the Book of God can profit thereby. We must dig and mine until we obtain the hid treasure.” —C.H. Spurgeon

### **God's People Need the Word of God**

For protection: “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Eph. 6:17).

For ability: “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified” (Acts 20-32).

For faith: “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

For cleansing: “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

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by taking heed thereto according to thy word” (Psalms 119:9).

For comfort: “This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me” (Psalms 119:50).

For guidance: “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psalms 119:105).

## **If God’s People Obey The Word Of God They Will Be Blessed**

“Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

“But be ye doers of the word, and not bearers only, deceiving your own selves.

“For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

“For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed”

(James 1:21-25).

Martin Luther, standing before a tribunal that would have dictated his course of conduct, said, “The word of God is not my word, I therefore cannot abandon it, but in all things short of that, I am ready to be docile and obedient. You may have my blood, my life, rather than a single word of retraction, for it is better to obey God than man. It is no fault of mine that this matter creates confusion among you. I cannot prevent the word of Christ becoming a stumbling block to man. I know well that we must pay obedience to the civil magistrate, even though he be not a man after God’s own heart. And I am quite ready to pay obedience in any manner that does not shut out the word of God.”

We do not agree with all of Martin Luther’s interpretation of the scriptures but we do agree that it is better to obey God than to obey man.

## **Christ Commissioned His People To Teach The Word Of God**

“Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain

where Jesus had appointed them.

“And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matt. 28:16-20).

“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

“And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables” (2 Tim. 4:2-4).

— Alfred Tripp

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## THREE GREAT TRUTHS IN ROMANS

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### I. NO CONDEMNATION

A. Romans 8:1 says, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” Because of the finished work of Christ in His death, burial and resurrection I am no longer condemned.

B. Note the word “now” in this verse. Because of what Christ has done for His people I am not condemned, nor will I ever be. It is not what I have done that will get me into heaven; it is what Christ has done for me.

### II. NO SEPARATION

A. The believer can never be separated from the Saviour. Romans 8:35, 37-39, says, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall

tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

B. We can not be separated from Christ because the precious Holy Spirit of God dwells within us. Romans 8:9, “But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of

Christ, he is none of his.”

### III. NO RESERVATION

A. As God’s servants we are to have no reservation as to what we are to be doing. We are to present our whole being to our Great God and Saviour Jesus Christ and the kingdom work.

B. Romans 12:1-2, “I BESEECH you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.”

— Cecil Fayard

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# HE IS ABLE

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“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us” (Eph. 3:20).

I. He is able to save. “For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Eph. 2:8,9). Jesus came into this world to save sinners. He died for ungodly sinners and was buried and raised again. Therefore, He will now save all that put their trust and faith in Him. “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). “He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name” (John 1:10-12).

II. He is able to keep us saved. “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25). “Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Heb. 9:12). “And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” (Heb. 10:17). “To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:4,5). “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able

to pluck them out of my Father’s hand” (John 10:27-29). “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand” (Psalms 37:23-24). “For the Lord loveth judgement and forsaketh not his saints; they are preserved forever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off” (Psalms 37:28).

III. He is able to sustain us. God fed Israel in the wilderness. He showered down manna out of Heaven for them. He made their clothes last for them. He caused water to come out of a rock to satisfy their thirst. “Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewithal

shall we be clothed? For after these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:31-33).

IV. He is able to guide us. You remember that God led Israel by a pillow of cloud by day and a pillow of fire by night. As we travel through this wilderness world it is wonderful to know He ever leadeth us. We have His blessed Word, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit to guide us today. What a blessed privilege it is to be led by Him. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

—Charles Ellis

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## REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD

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“In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins,” (Col. 1:14). “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,” (Rom. 3:24). The thought of redemption is to deliver by paying a price. The only price that could deliver a poor Hell-deserving sinner from the penalty of sin is the precious blood of Christ. “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers: But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot,” (1 Peter 1:18-19).

There are three Greek words translated redemption in the New Testament. One is “agorazo,” which means to purchase in the market. The second one is “exagorazo” which means to buy out of the market never to be exposed for sale

again. The third word is “lutroo” which means to loose or set free by paying a price.

I call attention to these three words in order for us to get the full meaning of what Christ did for us when He paid the price of redemption through His blood.

The first word, “agorazo” reminds us that Jesus purchased us out of the slave market of sin. We were in bondage, sold under sin. “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...” (Gal. 3:13). Christ not only bought us out of the slave market, but He bought us out never to be put up for sale again. “...but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself” (Heb. 9:26b).

Then He loosed us or set us free. “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

—Gladwin Carpenter

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Alt. - Fred Hartley

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7:30 p.m. - Cecil Fayard

Alt. - Gladwin Carpenter

7:55 p.m. - Song

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Alt. - Bobby Adams

A meal will be served after the conference.

Bro. Sammy Hardin and the church invite you to this time of Bible study.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

*(Romans 1:16)*

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