



Hunger For Truth

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Proverbs 7:2 – Matthew 5:6 – John 8:32 – II Timothy 3:16-17 – Hebrews 4:12

“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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It is our desire that Hunger For Truth edifies, blesses and encourages you in your walk with the Lord. Thank you all for taking the time to read this and for your prayers for us. We greatly appreciate your comments and we praise God for each and every one of you.

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I Can Plod

There is no doubt that the world owes a great deal to men of genius. It is also true that we owe a great debt to men and women of dogged perseverance. Perseverance is needed in every phase of the Christian life. Nothing worthwhile is obtained in the spiritual realm by a hop-skip-and-jump method of approach.

When William Carey began thinking of going to India as a pioneer missionary, his father pointed out to him that he possessed no academic qualifications that would fit him for such a task. But, William Carey answered: “I can plod.”

Tho who accomplish things of lasting value for the glory of God and the good of humanity are plodders.

--Source Unknown

Is That Really Worship? (By: David L. Brown)

For several years now my spirit has become increasingly uneasy with what is being passed off as “worship.” After careful observation, I fear much of modern “worship?” is contrived to arouse and stimulate the flesh. Entertainment is being substituted for preaching. Psychology is offered as the answer to life's problems instead of obedience to the Word of God. Bright, sensuous music is used to stir the emotions of the people in many churches today to make them feel good and present an “atmosphere” for worship. My question: Is that really worship? According to the Bible it is no! True biblical worship is not an enthusiasm for the Lord which we promote by human generated means. Our Lord Jesus Christ said John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth...

Arthur W. Pink addressed the issue of worship in his three volume commentary on John published in 1945. As I read his words, I was amazed at how timely his commentary is for our day.

“We must worship 'in spirit,' and not merely with the physical senses. We cannot worship by admiring grand architecture, by listening to the peals of a costly organ or the anthems of a highly trained choir. We cannot worship by gazing at pictures, smelling incense, counting of beads. We cannot worship with our eyes or ears, noses or hands for they are all 'flesh,' and not 'spirit.' Moreover, spiritual worship must be distinguished sharply from social worship, though there are few today who discriminate between them. Much, very much, of our modern so-called worship is soulical, that is, emotional. Music which makes one 'feel good,' touching anecdotes which draw tears, the magic oratory of a speaker which thrills his hearers, the clever showmanship of professional evangelists and singers who aim to 'produce an atmosphere' of worship(?) and which are designed to move the varied emotions of those in attendance, are so many examples of what is soulical and not spiritual at all. True worship, spiritual worship, is decorous, quiet, reverential, occupying the worshiper with God Himself; and the effect is to leave him not with a nervous headache (the inevitable reaction from the high tension produced by soulical activities) but with a peaceful heart and a rejoicing spirit.”

Contrary to popular belief and practice, worship is neither a function of the flesh nor humanly generated emotions. It is of the spirit! Philippians 3:3 says, For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. In fact, Christ denounced those who presumed to worship by fleshly means. Christ says in Matthew 15:8-9, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

God directs how we are to worship Him, “*they that worship him **must** worship him in spirit and in truth..*” Therefore as believers we must carefully examine our worship. If we see that our “worship” is mindless, shallow, and/or of the flesh and not he spirit...repent! Consider this verse in closing, *God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about Him.* Psalm 89:7

Emotions in The Bible (By: Craig Glickman)

There are many verses and passages in the Bible that relate to emotions and feelings of man and our Lord Himself in trials, suffering, affliction, and of course peace and joy. The following is an ongoing study of passages that have convicted, comforted, edified, encouraged or blessed me

through hearing messages, devotions and studies over the years. I hope this is a blessing and help to you and I, and that the Lord may be honored and glorified in this series of studies on emotions in the Bible. Each issue, Lord willing, will have a verse or passage in the Bible covered. I am excited and privileged to do this. Praise God! I intend to break each passage down into the following: **Passage, Emotion(s), Cause, Effect, What does the passage say?, What does the passage say to you and I?, What should you and I do about it?, How do you and I stay accountable?**

--Based on "A Happy Useful Christian" by J. Blair

Passage: Romans 15:13

Emotion(s): Happiness, joy, peace

Cause: True worship of the Lord

Effect: Joy, peace, happiness, feeling of usefulness as a Christian

What does the passage say?: The God of hope can fill you with all joy and peace as we trust fully and depend on Him alone for everything. It promises that you may ...abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost! This is possible but it requires surrendering our all to His will.

What does the passage say to you and I?: Using other passages, this passage has a lot to say! First, Be sure you have been genuinely saved! Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior (John 3:3, John 1:12, Romans 10:9-10). Second, do not doubt your salvation, but on the authority of the Bible, claim this gift of God as your eternal possession (John 10:27-29, John 5:24, 1 Peter 1:5, 1 John 5:13).

Thirdly, Commit yourself wholeheartedly to God, resolving to live for His honor and glory alone (Romans 12:1-2, Romans 6:13, 1 Cor. 6:19-20). Fourth, be constantly trusting Jesus to live through you, rather than struggle to live the Christian life in your own strength (1 John 4:4, Phil. 4:13, 1 Cor. 15:57). Fifth, meet the Lord regularly for a time of Bible study and prayer (Psalm 5:3, Psalm 119:105, 2 Tim. 2:15). Sixth, always confess known sin to the Lord immediately, thanking Him for forgiveness and rejoicing in the victory He gave you (1 John 1:9, Prov. 28:13, 1 John 2:1). Seventh, be alert for the many opportunities God will give you to tell others what Christ has done for you (1 Pet. 3:15, Rom. 1:16-17). Eighth, choose friends who will help you grow and advance in the Christian faith (2 Cor. 6:14, Psalm 1:1, Prov. 18:24). Ninth, Join a solid church that teaches the Bible verse by verse and be faithful in attendance (Heb. 10:25, Acts 2:42). Tenth, Prayerfully determine how you can best serve the Lord and become a faithful servant for Him (1 Cor. 15:58, Col. 3:23, Gal. 6:9). Eleventh, recognize your responsibility as a steward of what God has given you by honoring Him with your tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:8-10, 2 Cor. 9:7, 1 Cor. 16:2, Mark 12:41-44). Twelfth, manifest God's love with a spirit of humility and forgiveness, while refraining from hatred and unkindness towards others (John 13:35, Eph. 4:32, 1 John 4:7). Lastly, always praise the Lord for all things, giving thanks in times of sorrow and trials as well as in times of joy and prosperity (1 Thes. 5:18, Eph. 5:20, Psalm 118:1)

What should you and I do about it?: Take these 13 points to heart, pray about them, study the passages and strive to seek His face to help you be a happy, joyous, peaceful and useful Christian.

How do you and I stay accountable?: Seek to and strive to be faithful to your local church, have that time of prayer, Bible study, witness and serving the Lord in your local church and wherever He leads.

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6) (By: Pastor Cas Reeves - BBC Update 3/1/14)

The Love of God



Pastor Cas Reeves

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

This verse is one of the most widely known and quoted verses in the Bible. For many of us, it is the one verse that is used to share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus, revealing that salvation (everlasting life) is a gift of God and is in the only begotten Son of God through belief (faith) in Him.

This wonderful verse also reveals the love of God, helping us in a small way to comprehend the greatness of God's love. We should note the following, regarding the love of God as revealed in this verse. First it is a love for the whole world and not a select group. It is a love God demonstrates to all and for all, both good and bad, small and great, young and old. Secondly, it is a love that is sacrificial, revealing that God demonstrated His love through the giving of His ONLY BEGOTTEN SON as a propitiation for the sin of all men. 1 John 2:2 says

And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Thirdly, this verse reveals that all may easily access the love of God. Faith has always been the avenue to God. The love of God is no different; it is also accessed by anyone (whosoever) through belief in God's ONLY BEGOTTEN SON. Jesus said, in John 6:47:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Finally, the love of God is everlasting. That means it is forever. And once a person accesses the love of God and is in the everlasting love of God, he is secure forever. He is saved. The Apostle Paul declared in Romans 8:38-39:

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, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Are you SAVED, living in the love of God, having turned from your sin and received Jesus Christ as your Savior? -CAR

:) Children For Christ :)

CHURCH DO'S and DONT'S

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:25 -- Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Do

Worship
Speak and be spoken to
Show yourself friendly
Give what your able
Move over
Join in the singing
Introduce yourself to others
Remember your own frailties

Don't

Visit
Hurry away
Dodge the preacher
Dodge the collection plate
Sit in the end of the pew
Stare blankly while others sing
Wait for an introduction
Criticize

Share your hymn book if needed (be neighborly)
 Bring visitors to church with you

Monopolize your hymn book
 Stay home because you have friends/company over

1. Draw a line matching the 'Do' with the 'Don't'.
2. Write a paragraph or two about what YOU should do to worship the Lord in your church.
3. Spend time in prayer asking God to help you worship Him in your local church.

<p style="text-align: center;">Same Sermon</p> <p>Did you hear about the Pastor who preached the same sermon three Sundays in a row. Naturally, this repetition caused quite a bit of fuss and talk.</p> <p>At last, one of the deacons called the young minister aside and said, "Pastor, you have preached the same sermon three times in a row! When are you going to preach a new one?"</p> <p>The Pastor answered, "I will preach a new sermon when people of my church start practicing the message of this one."</p>	<p>"The fire of the burnt offering never went out (Lev. 6:12-13). What does that imply? When we have been in the glory of God for innumerable ages, we shall be there on the same ground as that upon which we are now accepted--namely, the value of the work of Christ before God. When God brings in the new heavens and the new earth, wherein dwells righteousness, the foundation of the sweet savor of the sacrifice of Christ before God is as fresh as ever, and in that we are accepted. Does that sweet savor ever alter? Never. Therefore the believer's acceptance never alters"</p> <p>(R.F. Kingscote, Christ as Seen in the Offerings). Friday Church News Notes, February 21, 2014, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org,</p>
<p>"The better we know God's thoughts about Christ, the better we know God's thoughts about us, who are in Christ, according to the verse in 1 John 4, 'As He is, so are we in this world.' There is not a single grace, not a single beauty, not a single perfection of the Lord Jesus that we see brought out in the Gospels respecting which we, as believers, may not say, 'That is mine.' Do you ask how this can be? I reply, Is not Christ your life? 'When Christ, who is our life, shall appear' (Col. 3: 4). Do you want to see what your life is in its perfection? You must not look at yourselves or your fellow-Christians; you must look at Christ here on earth. 'For the life was manifested'--shown out (1 John 1: 2). What life? The eternal life. That is the life you and I possess as believers. ... You must not look at me to find it out, because very often a great deal that is not the life of Christ comes out; very often the sin, the Adam-nature, shows itself. No, if you wish to see the eternal life that I possess perfectly manifested, you must look at the Lord Jesus Christ as a man on earth".</p> <p>(R.F. Kingscote, Christ as Seen in the Offerings) Friday Church News Notes, February 14, 2014, www.wayoflife.org, fbns@wayoflife.org,</p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for the desire to truly worship Him! <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT) • Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer) • Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA • Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development) • Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs) • Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines • The condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision. • Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church • Salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th. • Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family • Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn, • Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,

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Prov. 3:5-6

1 Thes. 5:18

