

GLAD TIDINGS

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Undeniable Truths

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Being a first generation Christian, and having been out in the world for quite a few years before becoming one, I find several biblical truths and verses to be most reassuring and comforting in today’s religious climate. These truths are undeniably a sure thing. They do not waver, nor do they falter; they are unconditionally true. We put our faith, hope and eternal well being into these truths, having the biblical knowledge that these truths and verses are the very words of God. There are so many different views about certain things making it confusing to a new Christian as to which “truth” we should follow and hold. The other part of the dilemma is twofold: the differences are either excused as “another” avenue to heaven. After all, we are all going to the same place or looking for the same end. Or, the differences are outright dismissed as coming from cults or kooks gathered in “other” religious bodies.

The first truth of note is that the Bible is inspired (2 Timothy 3:16). It was written not only for the common man’s understanding, but was penned as a set

of instructions. Verses 16-17 tell us, “*All scripture is inspired of God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*” There it is, a thirty-two word sentence telling us and all who are willing to listen that the Bible is the inspired word of God. We need to meditate upon it, preach it and apply it so we can accomplish the good works in our lives that are acceptable and a glory to our Lord.

Another truth from Deuteronomy 4:2 and Revelation 22: 18-19 is that we are not to add to or take away from the revealed Word. We can only surmise that God, in his infinite wisdom, gave us all the information in His written word we would need to move us through this life and to propel us through the doors of heaven, provided we have kept the precepts of the Bible, and complied with the requirements of His faith.

The simplest and yet the most important truth or verse that I find absolutely sure is Acts 2:38 when Peter said to them, “*Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the for-*

giveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Our Lord has given us the opportunity to cleanse ourselves from sin, so that at the end of time we find ourselves standing in His saving grace, allowing us to be with our Lord forever.

From these verses and truths, we have the absolute understanding and knowledge that the Bible is the word of God, written for us to use in our every day life as a guide for our salvation. We also realize that at our pleasure we can’t change the Lord’s word, to satisfy man’s reasons, wants, or dislikes.

As it was explained to me when I first became a Christian, we need book, chapter and verse for the things we believe and do. Also, we can’t add to or take away from the Bible, God’s holy word. Again, we as the Lord’s Church need to hold to the old adage: “Let us do Bible things in Bible ways.” The Word is still applicable today as it was when it was written. Apply its undeniable truths today!