

# Seek Me and live Amos 5:4

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## **DEDICATED TO ENRICHING YOUR MIND** SPIRITUALLY THROUGH GOD'S INSPIRED WORDS OF THE HOLY BIBLE

John 4:18 There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust Him to save them. But those who don't trust Him have already been tried and condemned for not beleiving in the only Son of God

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## **One Way To Reality**

In the 1960's, myself and many restless young people across the nation, were duped into believing that getting high on drugs or alcohol was the way to find reality. Those highs, however, were only illusions, not the real thing.

The Lord knows that we often look in the wrong places for what our longing hearts crave. He knows that we can be satisfied only by knowing Him, and He wants us to discover that He is the truth.

Jesus said to His disciples," I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes before the Father except through Me" John 14: 6. But Philip didn't yet understand that Jesus was all he needed. He wanted to see the Father as well, and said, "Lord show us the Father and we will be satisfied" John 14; 8 Verse 9 Jesus replied, "Don't you even yet know who I am, Phillip, even after all this time I have been with you? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father! What Jesus was trying to get across to Phillip was that He was the same as God the Father, and because of that He is all that any of us really need!

These scriptures are some of God's keys for a better understanding of the deity of Jesus Christ. When Jesus said to His disciples I am the way, you must say to yourself the way to what or where? What it seems that Jesus was trying to say was by following His way of life put into simple terms was similar to a person crossing the amazon with the help of a professional guide. The chances of making it to the other side is highly unlikely, without a professional guide!

When Jesus said I am the truth, He seemed to be saying in essence was that His words were the absolute truth that will set us free from the bondage of sin.

When Jesus said that I am the life, what He basically was saying was that through Him and Him only flows the living waters of eternal salvation! Lets take a minute and look at the word eternal, eternity That which is outside of and not limited by time. The eternal has no beginning and no end. Like God and His purposes, the eternal exists forever Ephesians 3:11; Romans 1:20. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4

:18, everything in the material universe is subject to change, "but what is unseen is eternal."

In these and other passages, "eternal" does not possess only a future dimension. That is, the believer through Christ participates in the eternal now, not just after death.

What else is eternal—immune from the corroding effect of change? The redemption that Christ secured for us on calvary is eternal Hebrews 5:9; 9:12, and so is the new, spiritual life that results from faith in Christ. John 17:3. Nothing that happens during our lifetime can alter the pronouncement of God, that whoever believes in Jesus has been given eternal life John 3;15-18; 1 John 5:11-13.

What Jesus is actually saying through His Divine words are that there really is no other way to reality except through Him! For apart from His ways there really is no way, apart from His truth we are only living a lie, and without His life flowing inside of us there really is no life! So my brothers and sisters in Christ, try and reflect on God's solid foundation for life in His words of everlasting wisdom. Let them serve us all as our eternal blue print for real life.

Remember always that civilizations will fall, but the human soul will live on forever. And because every individual will one day stand and face God's judgement (Hebrews 9:27), the most important question is how each of us will spend the endless ages stretching before us. Will we be with God in indescribable glory and joy? Or will we be exiled from God, lost forever in a condition too horrible for language to describe!

Let us pray...... Heavenly Father up above we adore You, we worship You, and we love You always. Help us to grow in Your everlasting knowledge. Help us to learn the real wisdom of your reality. Help us all to be better examples of your way of life, and Your truth of life. Help us not to get distracted from your will. Also, help us to stay Your course set, for eternal salvation............ Amen.

### OCTOBERS EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

#### **GOD'S MESSAGE**

He who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life. John 5:24

I know little about nuclear fission or uranium and other elements used in making nuclear explosives. Yet I believe that it exists, if we don't understand it or have any scientific knowledge about the way it works? The answer is obvious. Others understand nuclear fission even if we don't, and others have seen what happens when a nuclear reaction takes place, even if we haven't. We read what they say, and we accept it as the evidence of reliable witnesses.

I spend much of my time perusing the pages of a book—the Bible. In it I discover that centuries ago God acted and spoke, and reliable witnesses have written it down. God even guided them as they wrote, so that now I read the very words of God Himself.

I may not understand everything there is to know about God-----but I know Him and trust Him, because I read of Him in the Bible. Most of all, I know He came down to this earth in the person of His Son, and "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17) Billy Graham

SPIRITUAL CLICHÉ' FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER Proverbs 10:3 The Lord will not let a good man starve to death, nor will He let the wicked man's riches continue forever.

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