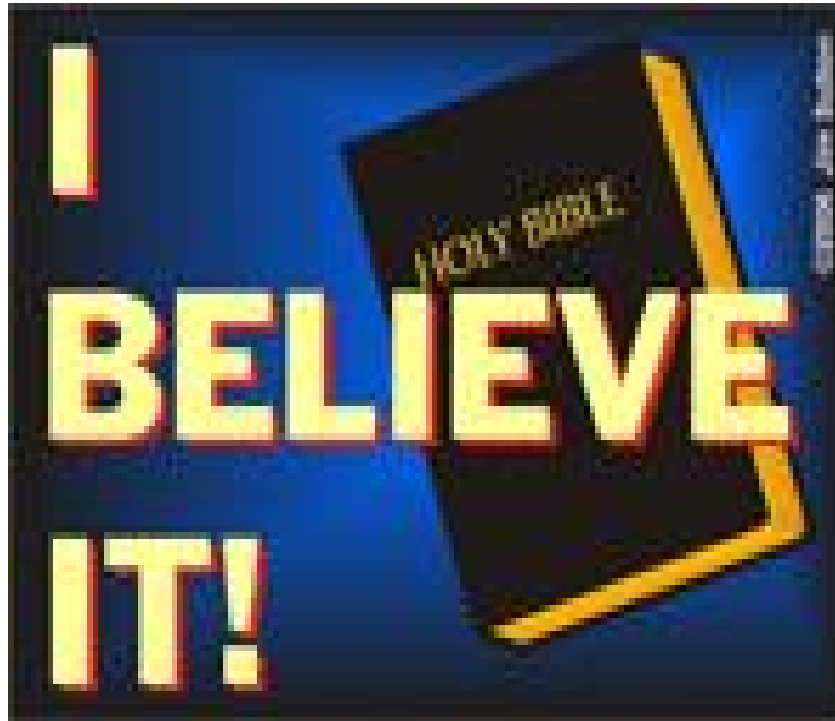


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2 Timothy 3:16; All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE

By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Dear Abba Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we thank You, praise You, and bless You Lord, for another inspirational message this month. Father, please enlighten us to better understand the reality of Your Divine Truth. Lord, may our hearts and minds gravitate to Your Living Word, the Bible! Lord, please help us to avoid the pitfalls of secularism. Father, please help us to rise above Satan's forces of evil, that dominate this world. Lord Jesus, may Your Eternal Light cleanse this world of sin and darkness. Father, please teach us how to prepare our souls for the final victory in Christ Jesus. Lord, I ask this prayer in Jesus name. Hallelujah. Amen!

This month's inspired message from the Holy Spirit, has to do with God's Truth for living in a fallen world. This Truth for living in a fallen world can only be found in God's Living Word, the Bible. Most people hate to hear the word Bible. Others find freedom, from the chains of bondage from sin. The Bible is not a collection of stories, fables, myths or merely human ideas about God. It is not a human book! Through God's Holy Spirit, the Lord revealed His person and plan to certain believers, who wrote down His inspired message for His people. It is written in **2 Peter 1:20, 21**; **Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.** "Men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit" means that Scripture did not come from the prophet's own invention or interpretation. God inspired the writer's, so their message is authentic and reliable. God used the talents, education, and cultural background of each writer (They were not mindless robots); and God cooperated with the writers in such a way, to ensure that the message that He intended was faithfully communicated in the very words they wrote. This process is known as inspiration. Again I say because this is an important point to make, that the writers all wrote from their own personal, cultural, historical context. Although they used their own minds, talents, language, and style, they wrote only what God wanted them to write. Scripture is completely trust worthy because God was in control of its writing. Its words are entirely authoritative of our faith and lives. The Bible is "God-breathe!"

So, we must read its teachings to guide our conduct. The Bible is our standard for testing everything else that claims to be true. It is a safeguard against false teaching and our source of guidance for how we should live. Also, it is the only source of knowledge about how we can be saved. God wants to show us what is true and equip us to live for Him. It is absolutely imperative, that we study the Bible regularly, to discover God's Truth for us to become confident in our life and faith. Also, to be part of ["God's Eternal Plan."](#) We should not study God's Word simply to increase our knowledge or to prepare us to win theological arguments. We should study the Bible so that we will know how to do Christ's work in the world. Our knowledge of God's Word is not useful unless it strengthens our faith, and leads all of us to do what is good. Many Christian speakers, teachers, and writers talk about the pursuit of knowledge. But often they want power. Such people will not listen to sound doctrine. Instead they turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. Through the eyes of the Holy Spirit, you can see this everywhere - from liberal churches to university campuses. People claiming, to have a bit more enlightenment, than what the Bible has to say; people claiming to improve on God's Words. Such people have several things in common. (1) [They do not tolerate the truth.](#) They have no interest or respect for God's absolute truths or any standard of judgment. (2) [They reject truth for sensationalism.](#) They want truth that fits their situation and makes sense to them. (3) [They gather viewpoints to satisfy their own selfish desires.](#) Although they profess objectivity, their only defense for their viewpoints is that those viewpoints satisfy and suit their desires. Such people have a following because they tell the people what their itching ears want to hear. These people are following myths and false doctrine. Be careful and vigilant always. By being careful and vigilant, we will have a great opportunity to defend ourselves against the false teachers and the devil at the same time. The real problem in today's society is that approx only 7% truly study the Bible daily. While the other approx 93% are too busy living for their flesh and not for God. It's no wonder why so many people fall prey to false teachings and false doctrine. Reason being, is that most people have little to no substantial knowledge of the Word of God. This is why so many false teachers and religions are in such disarray. A majority of religious organizations are power brokers and not brokers for the Lord. They love the control they have over the 93%ers. They tend to stay away from the 7%ers with all their lies and deceptions, for fear they will be exposed. However, some false teachers are simply confused - they speak their misguided opinions without checking them against the Bible.

Others have evil motivesô they pretend to be Christians only because they can get more money (ôdishonest gainö), additional business, or a feeling of power from being a leader of a church. Jesus and the apostles repeatedly warned against false teachers. It is written in **Mark 13:5-6; Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in My Name, claiming, I am He, and will deceive many.** These false teachers have attacked, the foundation of truth and integrity upon which the Christian faith is built. How can we as believing Christians recognize false teachers? We can recognize false teachers because they will (1) focus more attention on themselves or false doctrines than on Christ; (2) ask you to do something that will compromise or dilute your faith; (3) de-emphasize the divine nature of Christ or the inspiration of the Bible; or (4) urge believers to make decisions based more on human judgment than on prayer and biblical guidelines with respect to Godø Holy Trinity.

So my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, we all have one choice to make. We can either continue to allow our eternal future to hang in the balance of the hands of divisive religious organizations, or we can find the truth firsthand. How can we find the truth firsthand about God? The Truth of the Lord can only be found by making a sincere daily commitment to, prayer and Bible study. Once we make a sincere commitment to daily prayer, and Bible study, just watch and see how God will Bless and share His Truth with you. After the point of conversion, spending time alone with God is the best way to develop a one on one personal relationship with Him.

As Christians, we all need the Bibles view of God as high and lifted up, to empower us to deal with our problems and concerns. Godø moral perfection properly seen, will purify us from sin, cleanse our minds from our problems, and enable us to worship and to serve. Also another important Truth, please note that the only true church according to the Bible, is one that is centered exclusively on, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!

So my friends in the Lord, please donø take my word for it, go and find Godø Truth on your own. Go some place quiet and ask Godø Holy Spirit to help you read the Bible for yourself. Spiritually speaking, all Christians owe it to themselves to find out Godø Truth for living a Godly life!

Final thought: If you are getting tired of living in sin, guilt and darkness, and desire a fresh start, come to Christ Jesus. Also, try and remember that Jesus loves us all the same, and is anxiously waiting for a knock on His door!

Come taste and see, the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen!



Jesus Calling
By Sarah Young

THANK ME for the very things that are troubling you. You are on the brink of rebellion, precariously close to shaking your fist in My Face. You are tempted to indulge in just a little complaining about My treatment of you. But once you step over that line, torrents of rage and self-pity can sweep you away. The best protection against this indulgence is thanksgiving. Thanking Me for trials will feel a little awkward and contrived at first. But if you persist, your thankful words, prayed in faith, will eventually make a difference in your heart. Thankfulness awakens you to My Presence, which will overshadow all your problems!

Psalm 116:17---- Philippians 4:4-6



The Ministry's Daily Prayer List

Please join hands with this ministry and pray for; Sandy Tesie, Joe Magee, Terrie Chando, Bernice Gibb, Denise Lathrop and Family, Joe Lakes, Dennis Wilkerson, Jonathan Baker and Family, Sal Talamo, Ed Young, Bill Schlupp, Janelle Owens.

I am excited to announce that, the Spiritual Connection's web-site has been totally updated with all kinds of great spiritual tools. Study tools that can help bring us to better understand the Word of the Lord. So my brothers and sisters, come check us out at: makethespiritualconnection.com

From the Spiritual Connection to you, may the Lord richly bless You!

