

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTION'S



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Acts 10:43; “All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sin through His Name.”

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 Holy 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. God's Truth, can only be found in God's Living Word, the Holy 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 the Truth that sets us free! 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, were 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! 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 living, and can test everything else that claims to be

true. It is a safeguard against false teaching, and our only real source of guidance. 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, if we want to discover God's Truth for us to help us 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 this sinful world we live. 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 spiritual knowledge. But often they want power instead! 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, true believers 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. Sad to say, but 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 pray and 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 only little to no substantial knowledge of the true Word of God. This is why so many false teachers and denominational religions are in such disarray. A majority of religious organizations out there today, are power brokers, and not brokers for the Lord. They love the control they have over approx 93%ers. However, they tend to stay far away from the 7%ers with all their lies and deceptions. Reason being, they fear that they will be exposed for their wicked deception. Also note that, some false teachers are just simply confused—they speak their misguided opinions without checking them against the Holy Bible.

Others have evil motives—they pretend to be Christians only because they can make more money (“dishonest gain”), 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. 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 repentance of our sins, and making a sincere daily commitment to, prayer and Bible study. Once we repent and make a sincere commitment to daily prayer, and Bible study, just watch and see how God works His Spiritual magic! In time, He will Bless and share His Truth with you 24/7. 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 Bible's view of God as high and lifted up, to empower us to deal with our problems and concerns. God's moral perfection properly seen and understood, will purify us from sin, cleanse our minds from our problems, and enable us to worship and to serve the Lord Christ Jesus. Also another important Truth; Please note that, the only true church according to the Bible, is one that is centered totally

on, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit! Also, according to the Bible, nothing else can save us from eternal damnation except Jesus!! So my friends in the Lord Christ Jesus; please don't take my word for it!! Seek and find God's Truth for life on **your own!** How can we find out the truth for ourselves on our own? By sincere repentance, prayer, and daily Bible study. My brothers and sisters, we all owe it to our selves to find out God's Truth for living before leaving this planet. The Truth will set you free if you put your faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ Hallelujah... Amen!

CONDEMNATION

By Sarah Young

WHENEVER YOUR HEART CONDEMNS YOU, CALL OUT TO ME:
“JESUS, HELP ME!” My friends, our hearts and minds are battlefields:
targets for the evil one’s flaming arrows of accusations. In order to
extinguish those fiery missiles, we must use our shield of faith skillfully.
When you cry out to Me for help, you demonstrate genuine faith and at that
point, I join you in the battle. I remind you that I have already paid the full
penalty for all our sins. It is crucial to understand that your conscience is
imperfect. Many of its accusations are based on lies. You need to listen less
to those evil thoughts and more to Me through My Holy Spirit and My
Word. We will all continue to sin until we leave this world, but God has
provided an effective way of dealing with sin---Godly sorrow. The Bible
tells us in **2 Corinthians 7:10** that; **Godly sorrow brings repentance that
leads to salvation and leaves no regrets, but worldly sorrow brings
death.** So my friends in the Lord, when your heart condemns you, please
remember that I am greater than your heart and I know all things.
confidently and gratefully into My Loving Presence!

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT:

Proverbs 13:24 tells us; **[[He who spares the rod hates his son but he
who loves him is careful to discipline him.]]**

It is not easy for a loving parent to discipline a child, but it is necessary.
The greatest responsibility that God gives parents is the nurture and
guidance of their children. Lack of discipline puts parents love in question
because it shows a lack of concern for the character development of their
children. Disciplining children can avert long range disasters! Without
correction, children grow up with no clear understanding of right and wrong
and with little direction in their lives. Don’t be afraid to discipline your
children, it is an act of true love! When in doubt: (Pray to the Holy Spirit for
parental guidance.)

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Well my friends, it is my hope that this month's inspired message is helpful to you in better understanding what God's Will is all about. If you like this month's message, please pass it on to family and friends!! Until next month's inspired message, with God's help, may the good Lord richly bless you.....Amen!!

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Website updates: I am excited to announce that the Spiritual Connection's website has been getting a much needed overall. We have added face book, twitter, a Christian testimonial and devotional prayer section. Also, a inspirational Christian radio and music section that lets you listen to Christian radio locally and across the country 24/7!!

Anyone with a smart phone or computer can log on and enjoy all the spiritual wealth and knowledge that is available on this website. We are going to continue to upgrade, with God's help! So if there is anything you would like to see added to the Web-Site, please send it in the contact section listed on the menu bar in the front page. Furthermore, we have made improvements on the devotional study tools and spiritual resource sections. Also as always, the monthly Inspired Journals dating back to 2003, are uploaded each month!!

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Go to the **contact info section** and type in the name recipient and the reason for the prayer request.

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