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Romans 1:16: <u>I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power</u> of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

GOD'S SOVEREIGN WORD By Evangelist Dennis A. Palma

Hello again to all of my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus. Welcome to the Spiritual Connection's monthly inspired word for August 2017. This month's message has to do with the Almighty Power of the Lord's Word. The Holy Bible tells us in **Hebrews 4:12** that For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. The Word of God is not simply a collection of words from God, a vehicle for communicating ideas; it is living, life changing and dynamic, as it works in us. With the incisiveness of a surgeon's knife, "God's Word" reveals who we are and what we are not. It penetrates the core of our moral and spiritual life. It discerns what is within us, both good and evil. The demands of God's Word, requires decisions. We must not just listen to the Lord's Word we must also let it shape our lives. Nothing can be hidden from God! He knows about everyone, everywhere, and everything. God sees all we do and He knows all we think. Even when we are unaware of His Presence, He is there. When we try to hide from Him, He sees us. We can have no secrets from God! It's comforting to realize that, God loves us intimately. He really loves us! God also tells us in James 1:21-25 that; Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the Word of God but does not do what it says is a man who looks at his face in the mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. Also in the book of **James 1:21-25**, James advises us to get rid of all that is wrong in God's Eyes, and humbly accept the salvation message that we have received ('the word that is planted in us before the beginning of life"); it alone can save us from eternal hell. It is important to listen to what God's Word says, but more important to obey and do what is said.

It seems paradoxical that a law could give us freedom, but God's law offers us a true reflection of our sinful condition and gives us the opportunity to ask for God's forgiveness. See **Roman's 7:7, 8**. As Christians, we are saved by God's Grace only, and salvation frees us from sin's control. As believers, we are free to live as God created us to live. Of course, this does not mean we are free to do as we please, See 1 Peter 2:16. We are now free to obey God, without any chains from the laws of the Old Testament. Furthermore; the Holy Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that; ... the Holy Scripture, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God Maybe thoroughly equipped for every good work. The whole Bible is God's Inspired Word. Because it is inspired and so trustworthy, we should read it and apply it to our lives. The Bible is our standard for testing everything else that claims to be true. It is our safeguard against false teaching and our source of guidance on how we should live our lives. It is our only source of knowledge on how we can be saved. God wants to show us what is true and equip us to live for Him. Question? How much time do you spend with God each day? My friends, in order to grow in the knowledge and wisdom in the Lord's Word, we must read God's Word daily, in order to find out what He wants from us. By reading and studying the Bible daily, God's Word starts to become alive and transparent. **Revelation 1:3** tells us that; **Blessed is the one who reads the words of this** prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. My friends, the book of Revelation is a book of prophecy that is both a prediction and foretells future events and proclamations. Also it preaches about who God is and what He will do. Prophecy is more than telling the future. Behind the predictions are important principles about God's character and promises. As we read, we will get to know God better and better so we can trust Him completely. When John the Disciple says, "The time is near," he is urging God's people to be ready at all times for the Last Judgment and the establishment of God's Kingdom. We do not know when these events will occur, but we must always be prepared. According to God's Word, the end will happen quickly, and there will be no second chance to change sides. So my brothers and sisters, we all have only two choices in life, we can continue to think that everything is fine and dandy and continue to live a life of rebellion against God, or we can repent of our sins and embrace God's Holy Sovereign Word.

JESUS HELP ME.

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 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 I have provided an effective way of dealing with sin, by having 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. Come confidently and gratefully into My Loving Presence. Father God I ask this in Jesus Name......Amen!!

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.)

THE MINISTRY DAILY PRAYER LIST PLEASE PRAY DAILY WITH THIS MINISTRY FOR:

Jeanine Lititski, Baby Colton, Jake, Baby Janofsky, Baby Ronald, Bill Schulp, Little Justin, Elena Logan, Michael Santarpio, Theresa Wade, Zach, Warren Wisdom, Janet Young, Joe Lakes, Janelle Owens, Anne Marie Hess, Natalie Lott, Marian Wilson, Jonathan Baker and Family, Page Parker and Family, Russ Holman, Kevin, Adi Dazi, Bill Lange, Joyce Villa Maggio, Janine Smeltz, Marianne Fernandez, Janet Neil, **ALSO A PRAYER FOR:** The sick, the poor, the homeless, the helpless, the weary souls, the lost souls, the hungry souls, the broken hearted souls, the poor in Spirit, the persecuted, the hatred, the violence, the wars, the corruption, the world economy, and for all the natural disasters around the world. a special prayer for our Government.

I hope that you enjoyed this month's inspired message. Also, I hope that we can grow spiritually with these monthly messages. If you need to get in contact with this ministry you can e-mail us with your prayer request at: ministry8246@comcast.net or you can read previous journals, videos, study tools etc. at: makethespiritualconnection.com

Until next months inspired message with God's help. MAY THE GOOD LORD RICHLY BLESS YOU ALWAYS. AMEN TO THAT!!

