

Great Truths Found by Reading the Bible Carefully

By: Dan Jenkins

One of the most amazing attributes about the Bible is that every time you read a verse you can see truths not seen before, especially if you read it slowly. To illustrate this, take time to read these words from the apostle Paul and take time to think about them before reading the rest of this article.

Paul said, “I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (**1 Tim. 3:15**).

“I write so that you may know...” The will of God for our lives is scripted. Holy men of God moved by the Spirit gave us the Scripture. Every word of the Bible is inspired—every word is “God breathed.”

“...how you ought to...” The word ought is far more than a suggestion of a way of living. One definition of this word is binding. His will is scripted and eternal. Remember that what is bound on earth is bound in heaven!

“...conduct yourself...” The word conduct is translated in the KJV as behave. The word yourself emphasizes the personal responsibility we have in what we do. When the Jews failed to listen to God He said, “The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you” (**Rom. 2:24**). May this never be said of our conduct before the world!

“...in the house of God, which is the church of God...” We may think of a house as a building, but the Bible uses this word to refer to family. We

are God’s family. He is our Father, and we are His family, His children. Never forget that God does not have children outside of His family, and that family is the church. This truth emphatically shows that we must be a member of this church in order to be saved. We enter this family by being born of water and the Spirit. We are born of water when we are baptized.

“the church of God, the pillar and ground...” First century Christians understood the importance of pillars, those columns which supported their massive temples. The word ground carries a similar concept of the importance of the foundation and support of buildings. God has given us the church, not a building but an assembling of the saints. Their function is to insure the church is steadfast and immovable.

“...pillar and ground of the truth.” The responsibility of the church is to support the truth that leads men to follow the script for our lives which God has given. There is a script describing how we ought to behave in the church, and the function of the church is to support that life among mankind. Changing or ignoring the script results in the religious division of denominationalism. God help us to know that script and to follow it, for it shows us how we are to follow Him!

Give Me the Bible, Not “Sola Scriptura” (Part 3 of 6)

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The all-wise, all-powerful God had an opportunity to provide all that man would need in His Scripture? Did He do it? Can we know?

In the verse immediately after the affirmation that “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,” the Holy Spirit made it clear that God has breathed out all Scripture, so “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (**2 Tim. 3:16-17**). If I am complete and thoroughly equipped by Scripture, what am I missing? What else do I need? If there is something that I need outside of the 66 books to be complete, then this verse cannot be trusted.

Peter makes a similar declaration in **2 Peter 1:2-3**. He says that we have “the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,” yes, “the knowledge of” Christ in His Divine revelation in Scripture. Then He says, “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.” What a very interesting pronouncement to make! One of the “exceedingly great and precious promises” that has “been given to us” (in v. 4) is that He has “given to us ALL things” that “we need for a godly life” (NIV). When a person sets out to live a life pleasing to God, is there something outside Scripture that he needs to find, or does he truly have “all” God provides?

Bible certainty #3: The truth of God’s Word has been once for ALL delivered. This is clearly taught near the end of the New Testament, in the book of Jude. The inspired penmen wrote to exhort his fellow Christians to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (**Jude 3**). “The faith” is God’s “one faith” (**Eph. 4:5**), which is the fullness of “the gospel” (**Gal. 1:11+23**), God’s objective body of truth which we must obey (**Rom.**

1:5; 16:26), continue in (**Col. 1:23; 2 Tim. 4:7**), and never abandon (**1 Tim. 4:1; 6:10, 21**).

“Once for all” is a key phrase, which means that the something, which has been done, has been done for all time and is not repeatable. The same expression is used in **Hebrews 9:26** of the incarnation of Christ, in **Hebrews 9:27** of our physical death, and **Hebrews 9:28** of Christ’s offering for our sins (see also **Rom. 6:10; Heb. 7:27; 9:12; 1 Pet. 3:18**). These things will not be done again! There are no amendments to be added to these things! They have been done “once for all,” just as “the faith” has been “once for all delivered.” There are no other deliveries (i.e., revelations) from God that will be given outside of His inspired Scripture. That gives great assurance that, when any person picks up a Bible to read, he has the full and complete revelation of God to mankind in his hands, which is perpetually valid and requires no repetition or amendment. (More next week)



Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 4: Friends & Family Day. We will also have our monthly potluck luncheon and have a 12:45pm afternoon service. Bring visitors, a dish and dessert. Flyers are in the foyer.

Sunday, May 11: Youth devo after evening worship at the McCoy home. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

LC Islas father, Cruz Carlos Islas, who had been taken to Houston for blood clots in his lungs. He had surgery and is recovering.

Angela Sneeringer-Gonzalez’s grandmother, Irma Cruz, is at Methodist Hospital in Houston. She has been on O2 for a month and fluid pills but will need to be in the hospital for 7 days to get fluids off her.

Allen Clifton who will be undergoing radiation treatment.

Therisa Gant and Helen Cannady on the passing of their brother, Ray D. Littles.

Rick Bass who has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis.

Jerri Jeffres and her health.

Jerri Rosales who had a biopsy and is awaiting to see if she will be put on the kidney transplant list.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, James Hicks, and Veronica Serenil.

Service Roster

Week of April 27, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Dan Fielder
Song Leader..... Doug Jobs

Opening Prayer.....Ken Dorries
Closing Prayer..... Ron White

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread.....Mike Atkinson
Cup.....Caleb Lehtinen
Offering..... Desmon Flonnory
Assist..... Ferman Rosales
Assist.....Bryce Dolan
Assist..... Clifton Rutherford

Sunday Evening

Song LeaderLuke FitzSimmons

Opening Prayer..... Lupe Escojido
Closing Prayer..... Ron White

Lord’s Supper & Offering.....Clifton Rutherford/
Bryce Dolan

Wednesday Evening

Adult ClassCody McCoy
Song Leader Richard Hill
Devotional Bryant Siegel

Other

Prepare Communion..... Sandy Mericle/
Connie Kaspar

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Jack Fielder.....May 4
Allen Clifton.....May 4

Please sign up to open/close the building, prepare communion, and host youth devos for 2025. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

Fear and dread will fall on them; by the greatness
of Your arm they will be as still as a stone, till
Your people pass over, O Lord, till the people
pass over whom You have purchased.
Exodus 15:16

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of April 20, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....63
A.M. Worship.....96
P.M. Worship.....58
Wednesday Worship.....60

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