

## **“Five Tremendous Truths Taught By Three Little Letters”**

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### **“....B...U.....T....” – Three Little Letters that will teach us Five Tremendous Truths from the Word of God**

- a) But.....A Conjunction that signifies:
  - i) Change
  - ii) Contrast
  - iii) Clarification
  - iv) What has just been said is true but what comes after is a greater truth that changes the first truth.
- b) There are many things in our lives that are true. But God has a greater truth that overrides that truth.
- c) Five Truths that we want to examine from the Scripture today that are taught to us by that little word with three little letters.....”BUT”

#### **I. The Sovereignty Of God**

##### **a. Joseph**

- i. *Gene 50:20 (KJS) But as for you, ye thought **evil** against me; [but] God meant it unto **good**, to bring to pass, as [it is] this day, to save much people alive.*

- 1. Evil turned into Good

##### **b. Curse of Balaam**

- i. *Nevertheless the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the Lord thy God turned the **curse** into a **blessing** unto thee (Deuteronomy 23:5).*

- 1. Curse turned into a Blessing

##### **c. Paul**

- i. *Therefore, so that I would not exalt myself, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to torment me so I would not exalt myself. 8 Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times to take it away from me. 9 But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may reside in me. 2 Cor 12:7-9 (HCSB)*

- 1. Pain turned into Power

##### **d. Weak Things:**

- i. *For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty (1 Corinthians 1:26,27).*

- 1. Foolish teaches the Wise

- 2. Weakness turned into Strenth

##### **e. Truth:**

- i. **How God takes a Fact in our life that is not pleasant or good, and turns it into something good.**
- ii. *Roma 8:28 (KJS) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.*

## II. The Revelation Of God

### a. **Spirit: (God Reveals Himself to us by His Spirit)**

- i. *1Co r 2:9 (KJS) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 **But God** hath revealed [them] unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*

### b. **Word: (God Reveals Himself to us by His Word)**

- i. *Now to Him who has power to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the sacred secret kept silent for long ages, 26 **but now** revealed and made known through the prophetic Scriptures, according to the command of the eternal God Romans 16:25-26 (HCSB)*

### c. **Jesus: (God reveals Himself to us through Jesus Christ, The Word made Flesh)**

- i. *Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4 **But** when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Gal 4:3-5 (KJV)*
  - 1. God, where are you, We want to see you God, we want to touch you.
  - 2. God revealed Himself through the portals of a virgin's womb, in a lowly manger He entered this sinful dark world. The Lily of the Valley was born.
  - 3. God through the Holy Spirit gave us His Word.
    - a. Voltaire the French unbeliever who died in 1778 said that in "100 years from his day Christianity would be swept from existence and passed into history." Only 50 years after his death the Geneva Bible Society used his press and house to print stacks of Bibles.
    - b. AD 303 Diocletian issued an edict "ordering the burning and destruction of all churches to the ground and the destruction by fire of the Scriptures, and proclaiming that those who held high positions would lose all civil rights, while those in households, if they persisted in Christianity would be deprived of their liberty. Just 25 years later the next Roman Emperor Constantine ordered that 50 copies of the Scripture be printed at the governments expense.

## III. The Power And Deliverance Of God

- a. *And [Samson] was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of Thy servant: and now shall I die for*

thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? **But God** clave an hollow place that was in the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived (Judges 15:18,19).

- b. My flesh and my heart faileth: **but God** is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever (Psalm 73:26).
- c. Matt 19:26 (KJS) But Jesus beheld [them], and said unto them, With men this is impossible; **but with God** all things are possible.
- d. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: **but God** is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (1 Corinthians 10:13).
- e. Not all the “But God’s” in Scripture are uplifting and encouraging. Some are dark and warning:

#### IV. The Judgment Of God

##### a. Parable of Jesus

- i. Luke 12:19 (KJS) And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, [and] be merry. 20 **But God** said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

##### b. To the Self Righteous:

- i. And [Jesus] said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; **but God knoweth** your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God (Luke 16:15).

#### V. The Salvation Of God

- a. 1Cor 6:9 (KJS) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: **but** ye are washed, **but ye** are sanctified, **but ye** are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
- b. “The wages of sin is death, **But** the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” Romans 3:23
- c. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. **But God** commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:7,8).
- d. Ephesians 2:1-7
  - i. Thief on the cross
  - ii. Paul the persecutor
  - iii. John Newton
  - iv. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore, very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more. **But** the Master of the Sea heard my despairing cry, from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.”