

The Holy Spirit

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. John 16:13

Characteristics of the Holy Spirit:

Advocate John 14:26 Comforter John 15:26 Spirit of truth John 16:13 Guide John 16:13 Helper Romans 8:26 Spirit of freedom 2 Cor. 3:17

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Romans 8:11

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Faith Builders

Seed for today

God's word planted in our heart brings a harvest of His provision



But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. John 14:26

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Faith for today

Faith is the confidence in God's Word that allows you to enter into His rest.



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Real faith

Lord I commit to putting my trust in You. I will spend time in your Word, building my confidence in who You are and what You have done for me. Thank you. Romans 10:17 Hebrews 11:1

Confession for today



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Featured Article

What is Truth? by <u>Kristine Repino</u>

Today, many in the world have latched on to the phrase "personal truth." When I hear someone say, "this is my truth," or "for me, this is what's true" it immediately takes me to Pilate's response to Jesus in the book of John

in which Jesus says,

"For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." John 18:37

Pilate responds:

"What is truth?' And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, 'I find no fault in Him at all." John 18:38

What is truth? Even Pilate said it 2000 years ago, and many in the world are still saying this today! So often people are not guided by fundamental standards or if they begin with them, freely choose to step outside of those boundaries; producing an attitude and lifestyle of "whatever I want to do is okay, acceptable and all that matters. It's my personal truth."

Certainly, each of us must come to make the decisions in our life based on what we believe to be true, but however we go about it, we are all ultimately responsible to what the TRUTH is. Because of this, there must be something given to the human race by which TRUTH is defined. Whether or not it fits into someone's worldview, there is a God who declares His WORD is truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your WORD is truth.

The Bible says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

Therefore, a good place to start is with Jesus. Jesus gives us the truth!

What truth?

The truth about who God is: His nature, character and will

The truth about sin, righteousness, and judgement

The truth about who we are: our position in Christ and our identity as children of God

The truth about the kind of life we are purposed to live

So while the world says it is okay to do whatever is "right" for you, if we don't know the TRUTH, we will have a skewed understanding of who God is, how to relate to God, who we are and how we are to view our circumstances.

When we violate TRUTH, we step out of the boundaries of the life we were meant to live; and in doing so live a careless life that does not fulfill God's design for us.

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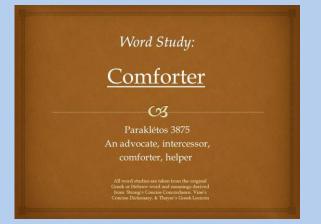
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What does it say about sin, righteousness, and judgement?

"...Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar..." Romans 3:4





COMFORTER means someone who also makes the right judgment –call because He is close enough to the situation. As in an advocate or advisor.

John 15:26 John But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me

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Food for thought

- 1. What were the 3 temptations of Jesus in the wilderness?
 - a. Make bread, set up his kingdom now, curse God
 - b. Heal a sinner, test God, make bread
 - c. Test God, make bread, worship Satan
- 2. Which party did not believe in the Resurrection of the dead?
 - a. Pharisees
 - b. Scribes
 - c. Sadducees
- 3. Matthew (Levi), one of the 12 Disciples was a:
 - a. Fisherman
 - b. Tax collector
 - c. Priest
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Seed for your heart



For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. 1 Peter 1:23

God's Word is seed. Faith comes by hearing God's WORDS (see Romans 10:17) and planting them in your heart. When you do, that WORD comes alive in your heart and begins to grow accordingly. You were born-again by God's living Word. When that WORD of salvation came alive in you, you were

changed in your spirit by that WORD. If you plant seeds of God's love for you, your faith in God's love will grow. If you plant seeds of healing, your faith to be healed will grow. Whatever you plant in your heart from God's WORD will produce after its kind. God says, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11). Our part is to sow His Word in our heart! And we will see His WORD manifest in us and through us!!

The sower soweth the word....And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. Mark 4:14, 20

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Messianic Prophecies

Prophecy	Spoken	Fulfilled by Jesus
He would be born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18; Luke 1:26-38
He would be an heir to David's throne	Isaiah 9:7; 11:1,10	Luke 1:32-33
He would open the eyes of the blind	Isaiah 35:5; 42:7	Matthew 9:27-30; John 9:6-7
A messenger would prepare the way for him	Isaiah 40:30	Matthew 3:1-3; Mark 1:1-6
He would be a light of the gentiles	Isaiah 42:6	John 8:12; Luke 2:27-32
He would be beaten and spit upon	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67; Mark 15:19
He would be silent before his accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Luke 23:9; John 19:9
He would be buried in the tomb of a rich man	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27:57-60; Mark 15:43-46
He would be punished for our sins	Isaiah 53:5	Romans 4:25; 1 Peter 2:24
He would bind up the brokenhearted	Isaiah 61:1-2	Matthew 11:5; Luke 4:18-19

(This is an adaptation from Life Application Study Bible 3rd ed. These are just a few prophecies, and some of the fulfillments mentioned in the Book of Isaiah)

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Featured Testimony: Restoration in the Soul by Kristine Repino

Testimony of restoration

I had a falling out with someone close to me, a family member. It wasn't over something important, and his response caught me off guard. He said and did some very hurtful things and also shared them with someone else close to me.

The situation was blown up beyond a simple disagreement, and I didn't know how to handle the situation. I didn't want to retaliate, so I did nothing. But what he said continued to ring in my ears, and every morning I felt the hurt of it creep back in. As I would get ready for the day, I always played worship music, but the hurt feelings would continue to drown it out, day after day. One day I felt I couldn't take it anymore, so I shut off my feelings and intentionally focused on the words to the song that had been playing-"You Raise Me Up." I imagined myself on Jesus' shoulders as we walked on the storm created by this situation. I forced my emotions to take a back seat, and began to intentionally do this every morning, day after day. I wasn't going to allow those feelings have their way. Then one day, as I was picturing this scene, the supernatural peace of God flooded me, and all of the hurt immediately left. I knew in my spirit that God had specifically targeted those painful feelings, and I was free! Because of that peace, I was able to let the situation go. And even though this person never apologized, I was able to have a relationship with him in spite of it.

We have the Spirit of God in us. 1 Corinthians 6:17 says, "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him" He is the Comforter. This is a testimony to God's faithfulness, He promises to restore your soul and allow for restoration to be possible in a relationship.

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Blessings, Kristine

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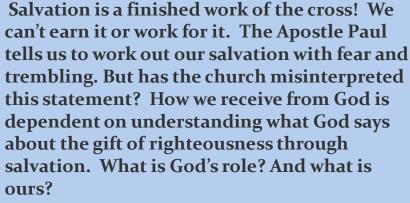
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