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The Word Of God By Vince C. Dorazio

IN THE BEGINNING

The Bible is often referred to as The Word of God. It is here that we learn from the past of how God has spoken and guided His people through trials and tribulations. We also read of the "Good News" of God's salvation and of His redemption for His people. The Old Testament gives us a glance of the progressions of mankind from the beginning of creation to the new way of Jesus..

The first book of the Bible, Genesis, begins with the following words, "***In the beginning when God created the Heavens and the earth...***" (Gen 1:1). As we approach the first five books of the Bible called "The Pentateuch" or "Torah", which means The Law or Teaching, and tells of God's creation and specific direction and customs to live a life according to God. The five books include Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

Here we learn that the Word of God is handed down from God to His people through Moses. During their exodus from Egypt as slaves, for over 400 years, the Hebrew nation is now taken to task to begin living a "new life" according to God's way. For 400 years they were living in a pagan society and worshipping many false gods. Now God had to undo what had been done and renew His people from their old habits and way of

living. So God gives them the Torah (law) and instructions as to how they are to reform their lives from their old way of thinking. God also institutes **The Ten Commandments** (see Exodus 20:1-17 and Deut. 5:6-22)



JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD

Saint John the Apostle begins his Gospel writings with exactly the same words, as in Genesis. "***In the beginning was the Word: the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning. Through Him all thing came into being, and apart from Him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in Him found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it.***" (John 1:1-4)

John is referring to Jesus as the Light and the Word of God. St. John goes on to

say, **"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory. The glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love."** (John 1:14)

Pay particular attention to the phrase that John uses here when he says **"we have seen his glory"**. In these few words St. John begins his writing as a witness and personal testimony about Jesus being the Messiah that was promised by God in Genesis.

Have you seen Jesus as the glory of God in your own life? If you haven't, now is an excellent opportunity to seek God and knock at His door, and ask Him to reveal the glory of Jesus to you. Jesus said, **"Ask, and you will receive. Seek and you will find, Knock and the door will be open to you."** (Matt. 7:7) God will honor your request immediately. Then you will be filled with the glory of Jesus and the Holy Spirit, and you will be equipped to share this new found glory with other people. If you have seen the glory of Jesus, now is the acceptable time to tell everyone and become a witness like John. So what are you waiting for? **Do it now!**

St. Paul the Evangelist

Much has been said and written about St. Paul being the greatest evangelist that ever lived. When he recognized Jesus as the Word of God, he accepted his responsibility as a believer and follower of Jesus to bring the message of salvation to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. St. Paul was the most unlikely person to pick to be God's messenger to proclaim that Jesus is the Lord and Savior of the world. Paul was convinced that those who believed and followed Jesus' way should be put in prison and even killed. But God intervened. Jesus

revealed himself to Paul and chose him to become God's evangelist. Throughout the book of Acts we see that St. Paul continued to "tell of his testimony" wherever he went. Can God do the same for you? The answer is simple. Yes He can!

EVANGELIZE

Evangelization is every Christian's responsibility. God has intervened in your life and revealed Jesus to you as Lord and Savior. And Jesus has chosen you to be His witness to the whole world. God has given you His Holy Spirit and equipped you with His gifts. As a follower and believer in Jesus you are being raised up to proclaim to everyone everywhere that **"Jesus is Lord!"** are you ready to accept God's mission of evangelization? St. Paul writes, **"How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe unless they have heard of Him? And how can they hear unless there is someone to preach? And how can men preach unless someone is sent? Scripture says, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who announce Good News.'" (Romans 10:14-16)**

Let the word of Christ, rich as it is, dwell in you. In wisdom made perfect, instruct and admonish one another. Sing gratefully to God from your hearts in psalms, hymns, and inspired songs. Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him! (Colossians 3:16-17)

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THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO PROCLAIM THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD!

Freedom To Choose

As Christians God gives us the freedom to accept or reject Jesus as Lord and Savior. And it is our freedom to choose. As American citizens we also have the freedom to choose our leaders. This is an election year, and our responsibility to vote in the upcoming election. I urge you all to exercise your right to vote. We live in the greatest country in the world! **VOTE!**

10 COMMANDMENTS – EMAIL

Recently I received an email concerning the United States of America and the Ten Commandments. I was unaware of these facts and found them interesting and thought I would share it with you.

DID YOU KNOW?

- As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!
- As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.
- As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!
- There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.
- James Madison, the fourth president, known as 'The Father of Our Constitution' made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions

- upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."
- Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".
- Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.
- Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.
- Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy, the rule of few over many.
- The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

NEED PRAYER?

We continue to receive prayer requests from those who are in need of personal prayers. I ask you to consider adding to your daily prayers all those who are in need of your prayer support. That way we can ALL be praying for each other every day. If you are in need of personal prayer, we would like to add you to our daily prayer requests. Send us your prayer request, and we will add your request to our prayer list.

Please pray for all those in need!



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