

ON THE WALL of the philosophy department at the University of Southern California today are the words "Truth Shall Make You Free." Sadly, many of the students there probably do not even know who said those words. Even more sad is the fact that many more know nothing of the true freedom of which Jesus spoke (John 8:32).

For the Christian the truth *has* set him free. Having believed the gospel, he is set free from both the penalty (John 5:24) as well as the power of sin (John 8:34). This is what Jesus was primarily referring to when He spoke those words.

However, many Christians are still, in some ways hindered in their Christian walks in one way or another by lies. Lies are Satan's primary weapon. We see that in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 3) and we see that in Jesus' encounter with him in Luke 4. Satan we're told is "the father of lies." (John 8:44)

The Bible (Proverbs 6:16-19) tells us that God hates lies. It's easy to understand why. Lies ensnare, mislead and rob God's people.

Believed, lies can hinder God's people from walking in the fullness of life that Jesus came to give (John 10:10), rob them of the joy of knowing and serving God, and so on.

Thankfully God has given us something that stops lies, stops them dead in their tracks, and that is:

TRUTH.


Whenever Jesus was presented with a lie He countered it with the truth of God's Word. Truth kills lies, disintegrates misinformation and sheds light on reality.

Jesus said that God's Word was truth (John 17:17), and the Psalmist said that God's Word was a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). One of the reasons God gave humanity the Bible was for the purpose of clearing away the lies, the misconceptions, and the confusion about who He is and what His will is for our lives.

When God's truth is *known* (John 8:32), *believed* (1 John 5:10, Romans 15:13), and *acted upon* (James 1:22), it becomes the key to keeping you free from the various snares of Satan, and thus enabled to move forward in your faith (3 John 4), enjoying God, bearing fruit (John 15:8), and living life as God designed it to be lived.

Contained in this tri-fold are 25 of what I consider to be the most important and precious truths from the Scriptures. As you familiarize yourself with them it is my prayer that you will experience in an ever increasing way the wonderful joy of walking in the truth (3 John 4), and of being a Christian (James 5:19-20).

God bless you my friend,



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1. God is good.

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good." NAS

2. God loves me and His love towards me does not change based on my day-to-day performance.

Romans 5:8

"But God demonstrates His own *love* toward us, in that while we were still *sinners*, Christ died for us." NKJV

Psalm 118:1

"His lovingkindness is *everlasting*."

The Bible says in Romans 5:1 that you, as a believer, have been "justified." To be justified means to be declared righteous by God. Being clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God accepts you as if you had never sinned. You stand before God in the righteousness of Christ Himself (2 Cor. 5:21)! In terms of your position before God, you are as righteous as you can ever possibly be (Heb. 10:14). It's your position "in Christ" that gives you complete acceptance before God, not your daily performance.

3. I am accepted in Christ.

Ephesians 1:6

"..He has made us accepted in the Beloved." NKJV

4. God has a plan for my life.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." NAS (See also Eph. 2:10)

5. I am uniquely created by God to glorify Him and to be a channel of blessing to others.

Psalm 139:14-16a

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed." NKJV

1 Peter 4:10

"As *each one* has received a gift, *minister it* to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

6. God is all that I need.

Psalm 23:1,

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." NKJV

Matthew 6:31-34a

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' "For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things..." -JESUS, NKJV (See also 2 Corinthians 12:9)

7. God doesn't make any mistakes and is utterly trustworthy and faithful.

Psalm 18:30

"As for God, His way is *perfect*; the word of the LORD is proven;" NKJV (See also Ezek. 12:28)

Joshua 23:14

"Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed." -Joshua, NAS

8. God is causing all the things that happen in my life to work together for good.

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." NKJV

Genesis 50:20

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." -Joseph, NKJV

9. God's Word is sufficient to teach me, and lead me into a life that will please Him.

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has given to us *all things that pertain to life and godliness*, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises," NKJV

10. God's will for my life has been made known in His Word.

Ephesians 5:17

"Therefore do not be *foolish*, but *understand* what the will of the Lord is." NAS

It is God's will that I be...

1. **Saved** (1 Tim. 2:3-4)
2. **Sharing** the Gospel (Mk. 16:15)
3. **Studying** His Word (2 Tim. 2:15)
4. **Spirit Controlled** (Eph. 5:17-18)
5. **Sacrificial** with Self (Rom. 12:1-2)
6. **Sanctified** (1 Thess. 4:3)
7. **Submissive** (1 Ptr. 2:13-15)
8. **Willing to Suffer** for His Cause (1 Ptr. 3:17)
9. **Satisfied** (1 Thess. 5:16-19)

11. God will enable me to do everything that He calls me to do.

Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." NKJV (See also 2 Cor. 9:8)

12. The blood of Christ is, and always will be sufficient to cleanse me of all my sins.

1 John 1:7b,9

"...the blood of Jesus Christ His Son *cleanses* us from *all* sin...If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from *all* unrighteousness." NKJV

13. I do not have to be plagued by my past.

1 Corinthians 6:11

"And such [see v. 9-10] were some of you. But you were *washed*, but you were *sanctified*, but you were *justified* in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

Philippians 3:13b-14

"...one thing I do, *forgetting* those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (See also Rom. 8:1, 2 Cor. 5:17 Heb. 10:17)