



## Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

### Remembering God's Word for Comfort and Encouragement.

**Fear not: only believe**, for *God hath [past tense] not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind* (2 Timothy 1:7).

*Verily, verily, I [Jesus] say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.* (John 14:12).

During this time, it is important that we remember God's Word for comfort and encouragement. It is easy to let the news and rumors disrupt our lives and distract our focus from God's Word. Turning to the Bible to understand our spiritual actions will help us triumph over the senses' world.

Jesus Christ always taught God's Word first. Then, when the people believed God's Word, he healed them, raised the dead, and cast out devil spirits. When we believe on Jesus Christ and follow his example, we shall do the works he did and "*greater works than these shall*" we do (John 14:12). The "greater works" in this verse refers to the new birth, which was not available while Jesus Christ was here on earth.

The Bible teaches us to reach out to God in the name of His son, Jesus Christ. Let's review some of the verses which exhort us to ask, "in the name of Jesus Christ."

John 14:13-15:

*And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name [IAW God's Word], I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

Acts 2:38:

*Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. [bold added for emphasis]*

Acts 3:6:

*Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have given I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth rise up and walk. [bold added for emphasis]*

Acts 16:18:

*And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee **in the name of Jesus Christ** to come out of her. And he [it] came out the same hour [immediately]. [bold added for emphasis]*

When we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised Jesus from the dead, we are saved or born-again from above.

*For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (Romans 10:9-10).*

1 John 3:1-2 reminds us:

*Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore, the world knows us not, because it knew him not. Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

When are we sons and daughters of God? Now! Ephesians 1:3-4 tells us God has blessed us and chosen us before the foundation of the world:

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath [past tense] blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath [past tense] chosen us [the born-again believers] in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.*

Are we blessed? Yes. It has nothing to do with how I feel. God tells us He has chosen us before “*the foundation of the world.*” Ephesians 1:19-20 reminds us God’s power is in us who believe:

*And what is the exceeding greatness of our Father’s power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.*

God our Father also raised the born-again believer up together with Christ and **made us** sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus! Ephesians 2: 4-7 describes this:

*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened [made alive] us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath [past tense] **raised us up together**, and **made us** sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to*

*come he might shew [exhibit] the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. [bold added for emphasis]*

Even though we are now here on earth, we are already seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus! Now read the next verse (Ephesians 1: 21).

*Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*

Currently the world is experiencing a global pandemic from coronavirus (COVID 19) that has many people panicked and in fear. The verse above is very powerful, so let's repeat it:

*Far above, every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come.*

2 Timothy 1:7 told us "**Fear not.**" If we believe in our hearts what God's Word says and confess with our mouths at the same time, we will have God's power in our lives! We must remember these are words, but when mixed with believing, they come into manifestation.

Let's look at several verses which can build us up, so we are not in fear during this pandemic.

Romans 8:31:

*What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Romans 8:37:

*Nay, in all these things we are super conquerors through him that loved us.*

Ephesians 1: 22-23:

*And hath [past tense] put all things under his [Christ] feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body [the born-again believers], the fulness of him that fills all in all.*

Colossians 1:27:

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you** [each born-again believer], **the hope of glory**. [bold added for emphasis]*

If Christ is in each born-again believer do, we have power over the Coronavirus? We have the power of Christ in us to overcome our fear, dispel the panic, and turn to the light of God's Word.

Galatians 2:20 tells us:

*I was crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but **Christ lives in me** [gift of holy spirit]: and the life which I **now** live in the flesh I live by the faith [believing] of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. [bold added for emphasis]*

Christ lives where? In me and you! The life we now live in the flesh, we live by what? The believing of the Son of God! People, when we believe God's Word and act on it, we will receive the manifestation of God's Word in our life!

Ephesians 2:10 tells us we are our Father's workmanship:

*For we the born-again believers are our Father's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Colossians 1:13 encourages us:

*God our Father hath [past tense] delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath [past tense] translated us into His kingdom by work of his dear Son.*

Coronavirus is darkness from Satan. But God our Father has already delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into His Kingdom by the work of His dear son!

1 John 5: 3-5 tells us:

*For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous [heavy, oppressive, hard to be borne]. For whatsoever is born of God overcomes [victorious, conquer, come off victor] the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith [believing]. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God.*

What does the phrase "overcometh the world" mean? The phrase refers to the adversary, because he is the god of this world. The phrase "our faith" is the Greek word pistis for faith which means believing. We overcome the adversary's world through our believing of God's Word.

1 John 4:4 reminds us that we have overcome the devil spirits behind the darkness:

*You are of God, little children, and have overcome them [devil spirits]: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world*

Where is the Coronavirus? Who is the God of this world? Satan. In the world. God's Word says Christ is in you, and you are greater than the Coronavirus in the world!

It is important to follow the precautions that we are receiving daily to protect ourselves. God's Word does not tell us to be foolish and ignore these precautions. However, God's Words serves as our foundation, our rock, as we deal with what is happening.

1 Thessalonians 2:10 reminds us of the Word of God!

*For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

My brothers and sisters **fear not, only believe** in your hearts and **confess with your mouths what God's Word says; If you do this then** the word of God effectually works in you and the Coronavirus shall not affect you!

Let's look at Colossians 2:6:

*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.*

Walk is an action. Receiving the Word and walking in the Word are the actions which brings the Word into manifestation. You have to do both - receive and walk!

The next verse tell us how to walk. Colossians 2:7:

*Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

Taking action is more than reciting a Bible verse. Colossians 2:7 gives us information on the actions we need to take in order to walk in Christ. Let's examine this verse in more detail. The first word in this verse is "Rooted." Our walk (or action) needs to be rooted. Jesus, in Matthew 13:18-21, shared a parable, saying:

*Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the wayside. But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon [immediately] with joy receiveth it. Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by [immediately] he is offended [he falls, stumbles].*

This man heard God's Word and immediately had great joy. But God's Word was not rooted in him; therefore, he endured for a while. When mental pressure or persecution came up because the man was standing on God's Word, he immediately stumbles,

because God's Word was not rooted in him. The word "rooted" means to be entrenched and fixed. We must be rooted in God's Word in order to stand against the mental pressures or persecutions from the senses' world (the adversary).

The next phrase in Colossians 2:7 is "built up in him." As we walk (or take action), we must grow and mature in the knowledge of God's Word. Colossians 3:16 tells:

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

To be "built up in him" as we walk, we need to have God's Word dwelling in us "richly."

The next phrase from Colossians 2:7 which tells us how to walk is "stablished in the faith." This is similar to being "fixed." It means to be confirmed, certain, steadfast, immovable, fixed and firm. Ephesians 4:14-15 provides clarification:

*That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.*

We just don't budge from the truth of God's Word! In our walk, we must be rooted, built up in and established in God's Word.

The next phrase in Colossians 2:7 is "have been taught." The only way we can be rooted, built up and established in God's Word is someone has to teach us. This is why we have Bible teachings, fellowships, online resources, etc. We are to be taught the Word of God so it can dwell richly in us.

The final phrase from Colossians 2:7 is "abounding therein with thanksgiving." When we live God's Word with thanksgiving and thankfulness, we can be an effective ambassador for Christ. We can walk rooted, built up, established in faith, and teaching others. We live and take action on the doctrine of God's Word!

When we believe in our hearts what God's Word tells us AND confess with our mouths, we have God's power in our lives! Once again, it takes receiving and action - in this case the action is confessing God's Word. We have a sound mind that is not corrupted. 2 Corinthians 11:3 explains:

*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

The adversary's uses environments and conditions in order to get into people's minds. The goal is to move people from the simplicity that is in Christ and corrupt them. The adversary wants to corrupt the minds of the born-again believers by attacking what they

see, hear, smell, touch and taste in the senses' world that is around them. The adversary uses other people or conditions to move born-again believers away from the simplicity of Christ.

Romans 12:2 tells us:

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

We renew our minds to do God's Word. We take action as instructed in Colossians 2:7 in order to guard our minds from the corruption from the adversary. James 4:7 provides further instruction:

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

How do we submit ourselves therefore to God? James 1: 21-24 give us the answer:

*Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholds himself, and goes his way, and straightway forgets what manner of man he was.*

How do we resist the devil? Let's go to God's Word and see what His only begotten son did when he was tempted of the Devil or adversary. Turn to Matthew 4:1:

*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*

Who tempted Jesus? The devil. If Jesus was not protected from the devil's temptation, do you think any born-again believers are going to be protected?

Hebrews 4:15 says Jesus:

*. . .was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

We can read Matthew 4 in more detail and see how Jesus handled the temptation of the Devil. Remember, the devil is the god of this world and the prince of the air. The adversary organizes environments and conditions so that when people come to them, they are awe-struck (and corrupted) by the conditions and by the environments which he has changed to suit himself. The only way you can get rid of the devil is to submit yourself to God and to resist the devil. We must resist the devil like Jesus did. We must know the rightly divided scriptures. We must walk and take action as instructed in Colossians 2:7.

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 tells us:

*(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

You cannot stop the adversary from coming into your mind, because you are living in the world in which he is god. He sets the things up using other people, conditions, the environment, and circumstances. However, you can stop the adversary from controlling your mind, because as you submit to God's Word and resist the adversary you can pull down the strongholds and deliberately bring into captivity every thought by controlling your thinking. You can bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ! As we learned in Colossians 2:7, we can walk rooted, built up, established in faith, and teaching others. When we believe in our hearts what God's Word says and confess with our mouths at the same time, we will have God's power in our lives!

Father, thank you for your Word, which is your will for your children. Your Word said we can do the works of Jesus Christ because we are your sons and daughters. You have blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ, You have chosen the born-again believers in you before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before you in love. Father, you have raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. You have put all things under our feet, because we have Christ in us. Your Word says what shall we say to these worldly things - if God be for us who can be against us. We are super conquerors. The life which we now live in the flesh, we live by the believing of the Son of God, who loves us, and gave himself for us. Father, we are your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to good works. Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness, and have translated us into your kingdom by work of your dear Son. Your Word says - Greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world. So be it unto us according to your Word. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the Lord,

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