



Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings

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Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father, thank you for your grace and love. Father, thank you for blessing us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Father, thank you for choosing us in you before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before you in love. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

The [November teaching](#) focused on scriptures in God's Word for giving thanks to God. We renew our minds to have an attitude of thankfulness for what God our Father has done for us through Christ Jesus. We read how Jesus Christ, our greatest example of God's love, gave thanks to God his Father. We saw Jesus Christ had an attitude of thankfulness for what God his Father did for him. We also read scriptures in God's Word on giving thanks to God for the believers. I give thanks to God our Father for your work of believing, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father, knowing brothers and sisters your beloved election of God. I am so thankful to God for you caring out your Ministry of Reconciliation by reading and sharing God's Word of Reconciliation with others.

This month's teaching subject is the love (*agapao*) of God in the renewed mind, **Masters of God's Word**. It is God's Will that we become Masters of His Word as a demonstration of our love for God our Father. If we love God our Father, we will keep His Word! From reading 2 Timothy 2:15, we know we can't keep God's Word if we don't become Masters of God's Word:

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Corinthians 3:18 tells us how important it is for us to go to God's Word, study it and rightly divided it:

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

So, what you look at and read you become! The things you put in your mind are the images you will be! To become Masters of God's Word, we must put God's Word in our

hearts, the inner most part of our existence. We must see ourselves as Masters. Proverbs 4:23 tells us:

Keep thy heart [the inner most part of our being] with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

And we are reminded in Romans 10:10:

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

We must study God's Word and become the image of His Word. We must renew our minds to say what God's Word says. This is what being a Master of God's Word is all about. When people see us, they see Christ! When people see the love, we have for God and our brothers and sisters in Christ, they know we are Christ's disciples indeed! When we Master God's Word, we will become a living epistle!

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, don't go by what men or women say about God's Word. Study it, master it and make it your own! God gave us His Word, so we can know His Will for us! Each one of us is responsible to know and Master God's Word!

One of the many great prayers in the Word of God is documented in the book of Ephesians 1:17-18:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ [marks his authority and power given to him by his Father], the Father of glory, may give unto you [the born-again believers] the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

These verses tell us how to act and speak when we are Masters of God's Word. Our eyes are enlightened or flooded with light that we may know the hope of His calling. God's Word says we are to know! Not guess or wonder about the hope of His calling. We are to know. All that is written in His Word is for us to know!

God our Father has given us, the born-again believers, an inheritance. But if we don't know that, how can we claim it? We must become Masters of God's Word. Romans 8: 16-17 tells us:

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

To become Masters of God's Word, we must act and speak as joint heirs with Christ! God loves us so much that He made us joint inheritors with Christ! What a great big wonderful God and Father we have! It is our duty and obligation to become Masters of His Word by rightly dividing His Word, believing it in our minds, and carrying it out in our daily lives. Ephesians 1:19:

And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power.

Let me repeat this verse in the form of a question: The exceeding greatness of His power to us is to do what? We are to believe, according to the working of His mighty power! We must know God's Word in order to believe what we learn in the scriptures. We read it, study it, and put it on in our hearts to know about God's mighty power! It is God's heart for us to know His superabundant power. The lessons contained in the Bible are waiting to open up to us so that we may become Masters of His Word; so we can believe and act upon His Word!

Let's continue with Ephesians 1:20-21:

Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

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.

Think about it for a minute. If God is in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:19) and it is Christ in you (Colossians 1:27), then every situation is under your feet as stated in Ephesians 1:20-21. Just take a moment and really ponder what God's Word declares. It is God in Christ in us! There is nothing in this world that can defeat us! Yet most Christians walk around feeling defeated and lost and beat up by this world. Why? Because they have not mastered God's Word! They do not truly see themselves in Christ. They do not act as if all things are under their feet. There are two reasons why this occurs: 1. They have not renewed their minds to say what God's Word says or 2. They have no knowledge of God's Word.

Most of us do not realize we have this authority and power in Christ. And even if we do know, we get talked out of it by other unbelieving believers. The world and the religious leaders constantly remind us of our sins of the past, trying to keep us sin conscious! We go around trying to redeem ourselves from these sins. We don't have to! God's Word tells us our life has been redeemed by Jesus Christ. Our sins have been paid for by Jesus Christ! We must focus on the Savior from sin, the Lord Jesus Christ. God has taken care of the sin problem through His son! This is what being a Master of God's Word is all about. We know the Word, we believe the Word, and we live the Word every day in all we do and say.

Let's look at Ephesians 1:22:

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him [Jesus Christ] to be the head over all things to the church.

I renew my mind daily to confess what God's Word says I am. I have what God has given me through Christ! How many things is Jesus Christ the head over? He is the head of all in the church. We take our orders from Jesus Christ! We learn the lessons in God's Word.

We must understand this spiritually in order to be Masters of God's Word. Look at yourself for a second. Isn't your physical head connected to the rest of your body? Then why won't your spiritual head also be tied to your spiritual body? God's Word tells us that spiritually Christ is our head! When Christ is our spiritual head, then our spiritual body follows Christ. Jesus Christ mastered God's Word and always did the will of his Father God! And so, to must we!

Ephesians 1:23 tells us:

Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth.

We are the body of Christ! And we have the fullness of Christ! John 1:16 extends this by stating:

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

When we are born again of God's Spirit, we receive in that spirit the fullness of Christ! Grace in God's Word is defined as God's unmerited divine favor!

Turn to Colossians 2:9:

For in him [Jesus Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the head God! Continue with Colossians 2:10:

And ye are complete in him [Jesus Christ], which is the head of all principality and power:

God's Word says we are what? Complete! Now we must renew our minds to say what God's Word says. I am complete in Christ. We are in the body of Christ and we are complete in him! He is the head of all principality and power. Now we just give thanks to God our Father for this completeness.

Continue with 2 Corinthians: 2:14:

Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour [sweet smell] of his knowledge by us in every place.

Thank you, Father, for always causing us to triumph in Christ! We just can't be defeated. Once we are Masters of God's Word - have the knowledge of God's Word and practice it in our daily walk - we will experience the more abundant life. Remember – to Master God's Word, we must read it, put it on in our hearts, and walk it each and every day.

Colossians 1:9-11 is an additional prayer along the same lines as Ephesians 1:17-18:

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his [God's] will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful [propagating] in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.

The only way to increase in the knowledge of God, is to Master His Word which is His will. We must do as 2 Timothy 2:15 tells us:

Studying to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Because of our love for God our Father, we must become Masters of His Word which is His Will. If we love God, our Father we keep His Word! And we can't keep God's Word if we don't know it. We must practice 2 Timothy 2:15 continually and consistently. We must “*study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*” Through study, practice, and walking-the-walk, we can become Masters of God's Word.

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, don't go by what men or women say about God's Word. Study it and make it your own! God gave us His Word, so we can know His Will for us! Because we love God our Father with all our soul, heart, mind and strength, we labor to Master His Word which is His Will in order to demonstrate our love for Him.

Father, I thank you for your Word that tells us your Will for our life. I thank you for what you did for us through Christ Jesus. Father, I thank you for giving us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you. Thank you for flooding our eyes with light. Thank you that we know what the hope of your calling is, the riches of your glory and the inheritance of all born-again believers. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

During this Holiday Season, Glory to God in the highness, and on Earth, Peace and Good Will to All.

We start a New Year in January. We will shift from Agape Love which was our theme for 2018 to Living the Mystery.

Next month's teaching: Acts 2: 42-47 – Living the Great Mystery.

In the Lord,

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