Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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MOR-Bible, which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, peace and grace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Father, thank you for loving us so much that you gave your only begotten son for our sins, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Thank you for calling us to your household. Father, I am so thankful that we are workers together with you. Father, thank you for working in us both to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose (Philippians 2:13). In the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, Amen.

In the <u>November 2021</u> teaching, we reviewed Philippians 4:6 for the following English words/phrases and their corresponding Greek meanings:

- Be careful merimnao
- Nothing medeis
- Prayer proseuche
- Supplication de-eesis
- Thanksgiving ukaristia
- Requests aiteema
- Let and be made known gnorizo
- God Theos

By understanding the Greek words for our English words/phrases, we open our understanding of God's Word! We increase our believing! And we are continually comforted and strengthened by God's Word!

In this month's teaching, we will discuss "workers together" with the one true God. The purpose of a word-based study is to determine the exact meaning of a word or phrase used in God's Word for that specific context. We will do a word-based teaching on the Greek word *sunergeo* used in the New Testament for our English phrase "workers together" represented in 2 Corinthians 6:1:

We then, as workers together [sunergeo] with him [God], beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

This verse doesn't state workers together with this world. It doesn't state workers together with unbelievers. It states workers together with who? Him, God!

In this month's teaching, we will discuss:

- What must we do first to work together with the one true God.
- Conduct a Biblical word study on the Greek word *sunergeo* for our English phrase "workers together."

Once we study God's Word, we will know the exact meaning of "workers together" with the one true God and increase our believing and understanding of God's Word.

Corinthians is one of the seven Church Epistles (i.e., Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians). It is written to the Administration of Grace in which we now live. It corrects practical errors for not obeying the doctrine represented in the Epistle of Romans.

What must we do first to work together with the one true God? We must first gain wisdom and knowledge and understanding of God's Word which is His Will on how to work together with the one true God. You cannot work together with the one true God until you are born-again of His Spirit! As it is written John 3:6:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Flesh and Spirit are in two different births and each one must stay within its own boundaries. See <u>April 2016</u> teaching. Flesh by the way of the five senses can communicate only with the senses or the material realm. Spirit can only communicate with spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14: declares:

But the natural man [born of the flesh] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

We are born of the flesh into this world as a natural man or woman - with body and soul only. Ephesians 2:12 tells us:

at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

Once we are born-again of God's Spirit, we can then receive the things of the Spirit of God. Without being born-again, the things of the Spirit of God "*are foolishness unto you: neither can you know them, because they are spiritually discerned*" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

See <u>February 2016</u> teaching. Therefore, you cannot work together with God until you are born-again of His Spirit! You can only receive the things of the Spirit of God and work with Him when you are born-again!

Romans 8:8 states:

So, then they that are in the flesh [body and soul only] cannot please God.

I exhort you to read the first nine chapters of Romans. In the tenth chapter, we are told how to be born-again of God's Spirit in this present Grace Administration. See <u>March</u> <u>2016</u> teaching.

The person of body and soul hears the Word of God taught and believes what he or she hears and decides to confess by their free will according to what Romans 10:9: tells us:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord [master] Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Once this confession is made, the one true God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, creates His spiritual seed in that person of body and soul. This seed is the gift of holy spirit! This spiritual seed which is the gift of holy spirit is incorruptible and remains forever! 1 Peter 1:23 instructs:

Being born-again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

God's Word says this spiritual seed, the gift of holy spirit, is incorruptible and lives and abides forever! The word forever means what? Forever! This spiritual seed, the gift of holy spirit, is eternal unity with God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father! I am born-again of God's incorruptible seed and nothing I or anyone else can do will change His seed in me! See <u>September 2021</u> teaching.

1 John 3:1-3 declares:

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth 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. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 5:20:

And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him [God our Father] that is true, and we are in him [God our Father] that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Now, as sons and daughters of God in Him that is the true God and His son Jesus Christ, we have eternal life! Now, we can be workers together with the true God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Father! Now, you have performed the first requirement to work together with the one true God. Now, you must Study God's Word to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Because to be workers together with God our Father, we must know His Word which is His Will!

Now, we will conduct a Biblical word study on the one Greek word *sunergeo* used for our English phrase "workers together" to determine the precise meaning in the context of God's Word. Turn to 2 Corinthians 6:1:

We then, as workers together [the Greek word sunergeo] with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

The English phrase "workers together" is the Greek word *sunergeo* which means together in conjunction with. This Greek word is traced back to the *sunergeo* which means working together with, with the same motives and objects, co-operating, fellow helper. The root Greek word is *ergon*, which means to work. (Source: Bullinger. 1975. <u>Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament</u>).

Sunergeo is used five times in God's Word. The number five in God's Word represents grace or God's unmerited divine favor. The number 4 (the world number) plus 1 (the number for unity, for God) equals 5. Grace represents God's power continually helping man or woman in their worldly powerlessness. The word grace involves God's unmerited divine favor to the unworthy! God's salvation is by His grace; it's a gift from God. It is not earned through our works! Ephesians 2: 8-9 states:

For by grace are ye saved through faith [the believing of Jesus Christ]; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

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Not of works, lest any man should boast.

The first usage of the Greek word *sunergeo* is documented in Mark 16:14-20. The context starts with verse 14 and is followed by verses 15-20:

Afterward, he [Jesus] appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

And he said unto them, go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven and sat on the right hand of God.

And they went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with [sunergeo - together in conjunction with] them and confirming the word with signs following. *Amen.*

The second usage is documented in Romans 8:26-28. The context starts with verse 26 and is followed by verses 27-28:

Likewise the Spirit [the Greek word pneuma meaning spirit] also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit [the pneuma] itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit [the pneuma] because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of

God.

And we know that all things work together [sunergeo - together in conjunction with] for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

The third usage is documented in 1 Corinthians 16:13-16. The context starts with verse 13, followed by verses 14-16:

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Let all your things be done with charity [love].

I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)

That ye submit yourselves unto such, and to everyone that helpeth [sunergeo - together in conjunction with] with us, and laboureth.

The fourth usage is documented in 2 Corinthians 6:1:

We then, as workers together [sunergeo] with him [God], beseech you also that ye receive [dechomai - unto you] not the grace of God in vain.

And the fifth usage is documented in James 2:17-22. The context starts with verse 17, followed by verses 18-22:

Even so faith [the Greek word pistis for believing] if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Yea, a man may say, thou hast faith [believing], and I have works shew me thy faith [believing] without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith [believing] by my works.

Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith [believing] without works is dead?

Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his

son upon the altar?

Seest thou how faith [believing] wrought with his works [sunergeo - together in conjunction with], and by works was faith [believing] made perfect?

As we go forth preaching Christ, he is with us for it is Christ in you the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)! As people believe what we preached and act on God's Word, He shall confirm His Word with signs and wonders (Acts 14:3). Then, we will know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28. We are addicted to them that ministry to the saints in the household (1 Corinthians 16:15). We submit ourselves to everyone that helps us, and labor with us to preach God's Word in this world!

We then, as workers together with God our Father, plead with you that you receive not the grace of God in vain (2 Corinthians 6:1)! By God's grace, you were saved (Ephesians 2:8)! See how you are believing together in conjunction with works, and by works was your believing made perfect (James 2:22)!

Based on our Biblical word study on the Greek word *sunergeo* (used for our English phrase "workers together"), we, as born-again believers, are sons and daughters of God who help with and work together in conjunction with God our Father to get people saved or born-again of His Spirit. It is our purpose to help others come to the knowledge of the truth of His Word (1 Timothy 2:4)!

Now, you must keep growing in your knowledge of God's Word by studying to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). You can then apply what you've learned so that is wisdom applied! You will have the understanding on that part of God's Word you have studied, rightly divided, and acted upon!

In this month's teaching, we learned what we must first do to work together with the one true God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We performed a Biblical word study on the Greek word *sunergeo* used for our English phrase "workers together." We learned that we, the born-again believers as sons and daughters of God, help with and work together in conjunction with God our Father to get people saved or born-again of His Spirit so that they can come to the knowledge of the truth of His Word.

This holiday season let us work together with God our Father and teach someone God's Word. Then, let us show them how to be born-again of God's Spirit which is incorruptible seed which lives and abides forever. Let us teach them how to receive into

manifestation the gift of holy spirit. There is no greater gift of love you can give this holiday season than God's Word! Bless your hearts. We love you.

Father, thank you for your Word which is your Will for your children. Father, we are so thankful that we are helpers and workers together with you. Father, thank you for working in us both to will and to act for your good pleasure. Father, we thank you for the doors of utterance you open for us this holiday season to hold forth your Word of life. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth, peace and good will to all! Bless your hearts. We love you.

In the Lord,

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