1Thess #83

The WORD is designed to guide and change you; YOU do not change the word!

Please keep Ray Calmes in prayer, he has a medical procedure coming up next week and we want to give him some unity in prayer.

Today I think it is appropriate to speak upon the problem most Christians have in relation to their relationship with the word of GOD.

Our study in 1Thessalonians chapter 4 has us really digging into the problem areas that began to distract the unity of the congregation.

We dove into PORNEA’ - which points us to anything outside of Christian marriage which in the sexual realm brings misery, sin and evil into our life.

The Bels at Thessalonica had a handful of people sliding backward into their Greek and Roman practices of loose living.

Then the second problem area was a set of Bels who, may also have been the same bunch…we simply do not know, but they strayed from the accuracy of Bible Doctrine.

In doing so, they allowed lies and counterfeits into their soul structure to reside alongside the truth of scripture. This pushed some folks into lazy attitudes and lifestyles of busybodies and slothful practices.

/Allowing false doctrine and counterfeits into your soul once BD is established does not blend well. It will eventually force you to one side or the other – it is a toxic blend of oil and water. Once a Bel has a solid system and source of accurately learning the WORD, they should be very careful what they allow into their soul structure.\

The call for the CA is to have men with the gift of pastor-teacher and evangelists to lead the church…don’t argue with me argue with TLJC!

(Eph 3:5, Eph 4:11, Rom 10:14, 1Cor 12:28, 2Tim 4:5, Mat 28:20, Act 13:1, Rom 12:7, Heb 5:12)

The fact is many Christians get involved in church hopping or self-teaching, which both can get a Christian in trouble.

If you honestly have an issue with a church or a teacher then it is fine to move on. Many Bels feel they outgrow a church or perhaps there was a shift or change in teaching and you had to leave. There are a few legitimate reasons but I warn you - be careful where you land once you move!

Most of the time Christians move on for two reasons – one they got their feelings hurt by something that was taught or some personality conflict at the church. Or they got bored and distracted and peeled away.

Learning and studying the Bible on your own is great, you should do that! Most pastors would tell you to do that in between Bible class…unless that pastor is insecure about what he is teaching.

Just be careful that it doesn’t become your only source of learning.

Bels can be easily led astray by emotional teaching, counterfeits an even their own imagination.

/Mat 6:24 “**No one can serve two** **masters**; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You** **cannot serve God and wealth** (*mamōnas*).

Your treasure, that which sustains you and that which motivates you. That which brings you calm assurance or peace.\

MAM-MOO-NUS, it does not always refer to physical money as you know it – it means something of value that you depend upon. This is an Aramaic word which has multiple uses such as wealth, or anything that is important that will bring us stability or confidence.

Bels either put their confidence and faith in the Bible or they find another source of confidence and faith building apparatus.

There is no gray area…there is no middle ground.

It’s either God’s word or Satan’s ideologies.

The Trinity is the GOD of truth, the Triune God of singular truth and justice, the only living GOD and creator of the heavens and earth and all things in between.

When you accurately study the word of God you are interacting in divine communication with all three members of the God-head.

/The Word of God the Father —

Heb 4:12 For **the word of God is living and active**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, **even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And there is **no creature** **hidden from His sight**, but **all things are open and laid bare**to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer.\

Each time you get filled with God the HS’s power and take in the word accurately, you are having unique and divine guidance and communication, as well as showing worship to GOD – all three, divine beings of the God-head are engaged in the process.

/The Mind of Christ —

1 Cor 2:16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But **we have the mind of Christ.**

Jhn 1:14 And **the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us**; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only *Son* from the Father, full of grace and truth.\

Jesus Christ is said to be the WORD in the flesh – in the BEGINNING was the word! The word was with GOD and the WORD was GOD.

/The Voice of the Holy Spirit —

Heb 3:7 Therefore, **just as the Holy Spirit says**, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,

Jhn 14:26 “But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**whom the Father will send in My name, **He will teach you all things**, and **remind you of all that I said to you**.\

Go over to Colossians chapter one RF.

The fact is the Bible is not designed to be interpreted in six different fashions to make everyone feel good. It is very precise and singular in its truth.

Now when it comes to prophecy, more specifically scriptures that have deep prophetic meanings, there are several layers within them. But ultimately there is a singular truth to the WORD of God that you can not change.

This is why TLJC taught that the gate of truth is narrow and the way of the world is the wide-open gate, that leads to destruction.

Your stability and ideologies have to come from the truth of scripture, not what someone interprets from emotions or religious dogma.

Also, not what your imagination tells you when you read scripture.

/No pastor or theologian will be able to give you every answer and fact from scripture because the mind of Christ is so deep and wide, no one person can fully wrap it all up in a neat box. Scripture is not from human viewpoint, therefore God ordained certain men to have a gift to dig for truth and as they do, HE will feed them slowly over time so as to enlighten the body of Christ. We are given enough in the temporal to push us toward living in our union with Christ.\

Be careful not to elevate any man to flawless, perfection in your heart. No pastor or theologian should be lifted that high.

The humanity of Christ is the only impeccable one.

The gift of pastor-teacher is not given out in large quantities’ contrary to popular belief. It is given generously to a certain number of men in each generation.

So that the body of Christ is strengthen and enlighten enough to stand strong in a hostile world, carrying out the mission we were each called to perform.

/Isa 33:6 And He will be the stability of your times, **A wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge**; The fear of
the LORD is his treasure.

You either find your confidence, comfort and treasure inside the plan of GOD or you have attempted to find it in a counterfeit. \

There is a right way and wrong to go about Bible study and Bible teaching. It is never about emotional waves or manipulating scripture, even slightly to suit your agenda.

/Isa 28:10 “For *He says****,* ‘Order on
order** (*ṣav*), order on order, **Line on
line** (*qāv*), line on line, A little here, a
little there.’”

This points to doctrine - *“precept upon precept”* is repeated. Bible Doctrine is presented categorically and must be repeated to the point of exhaustion.\

SAHV – is taken from a Hebrew root word for command as in a military command.

CAHV – a measurement or definitive structure or number. Many times, it was used for a musical chord or measurement that had to be played in the exact right method to achieve the right sound.

 REPEAT

Now in Colossians, the pastor of the Colossians church was Epaphras.

The Apostle Paul was in his first prison sentence. We can see that Epaphras came to Rome because he had some trouble at Colosse, the infiltration of false doctrine.

Even though he had done a good job there was a segment of the congregation who had responded to the Gnostics and their false teaching. These Bels who responded to Gnosticism had stirred up trouble. So much so, that Epaphras had gone to Rome to seek counsel from his mentor, the Apostle Paul while he was imprisoned.

This is what the Apostle Paul wrote to bring back to that congregation.

By the way, this was another church who did not receive any face to face teaching from the Apostle Paul.

/Col 1:9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard *about it,* have not ceased praying for you and asking that **you may be filled with the knowledge of His will** in all **spiritual wisdom** and **understanding,\**

The Greek aorist, passive subjunctive – *that you may be filled*, tells us this is conditional upon each person’s own free will decisions.

The Aorist tense, means that handling BD accurately has already been made available or is currently being made available to these Bels.

The Subjunctive mood is conditional, maybe you will or maybe you won’t, the condition is put upon the Bel.

/Col 1:9 - *the knowledge of God’s will,* speaks to - The knowledge of God’s plan.

*Spiritual wisdom* - means application of BD which brings discernment as well as divine wisdom.

*Understanding* - means absorbing the right knowledge (BD) to give you divine viewpoint. \

[Col 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/col/1/10/s_1108010) so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

If you do the right thing in the right way in reference to verse 9 – you then can increase in more knowledge (BD) verse 10.

This is called spiritual building blocks; it is how you put your nose to the grind stone and study one step at a time.

LINE UPON LINE – PRECEPT UPON PRECEPT!

Notice, the Apostle Paul didn’t say to build up a fancy music ministry nor did he tell Epaphras to tell funny or fluffy stories to entertain the congregation.

/[Col 1:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/col/1/11/s_1108011) **strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might**, for the attaining of all perseverance and patience; joyously

Build up doctrine in the structure or library of your soul – (ECS). This means you have to operate from the Grace Apparatus of Perception (GAP).\

The GAP principle is something Col. R.B. Thieme Jr. coined and it has great value if you fully understand it.

It basically means you have to take GNOSIS knowledge and digest it and then believe in it (faith), then it turns into EPIGNOSIS which is wisdom.

This builds up a structure – the Edification Complex of the Soul.

That is a very basic description for you to understand these acronyms.

[Col 1:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/col/1/12/s_1108012) giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

/Studying the accuracy of Bible doctrine can at times mean receiving HS conviction that makes you feel slightly uncomfortable. It also means, sometimes you are elated or emotionally touched by a message. Other times it means a repetition of doctrines and principles you THINK, you know, yet you find a new angle or concept when you remain humble (teachable). \

Most of the time it is not at all glamorous or designed to entertain you like your favorite actor or comedian does.

/The responsibility is on YOU not your pastor to learn and grow. If you have found a pastor with the gift and you know by critical thinking and personal study that the accuracy of the WORD is on point…the rest is UP TO YOU! Your pastor should never teach to please you nor should you manipulate a lesson or scripture to suit your lifestyle or agenda. \

Most Christians do not want to put in the time and get serious with a Bible study because they bought the satanic lie, that church is supposed to be feel-good fun, that they do once a week. And that the church or the pastor are there when they need marriage counseling or someone to do some community service.

You know, perform weddings and funerals and speak to the local politicians to straighten them out.

 REPEAT

I’ll end this with a good example for today’s message. A scripture… oh so many Christians love to throw out there, yet very few ever really study the context of the scripture;

/Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good **to those who love God**, to those who are called **according to *His* purpose**.\

They memorize the first part of the scripture yet seem to forget the second part….THOSE WHO LOVE GOD…and those who are called according to HIS PURPOSE.