

Weekly Devotional - A Changeless WORD for Our Changing Times! 7-11-18

We are living in, rapidly, changing times. Just consider what we have gained since the year 2000. iPods -a portable electronic device for playing & storing digital audio & video files; Smart Phones - cellular telephone with an integrated computer and other features not originally associated with telephones, such as an operating system, web browsing and the ability to run software applications; Driverless Cars; Text Messaging - the sending of short text messages electronically especially from one cell phone to another; GPS - (Global Positioning System) is a "constellation" of approximately 30 well-spaced satellites that orbit the Earth and make it possible for people with ground receivers to pinpoint their geographic location; Social Media - websites and applications that enable users to create and share content or to participate in social networking; Wikipedia - a free, open content online encyclopedia; Every TV Show & Movie in Human Existence on Demand; and AI-based Computers (AI or artificial intelligence) is the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines, computer systems.

Some things have become obsolete since 2000, like; Computer Labs; the Busy Signal on Landline phones; Watching crappy daytime TV on sick days; VCR(s) - DVDs arrived in the U.S. in 1997; Getting Film Developed; Dot Matrix Printers; Television Static; Slide Projectors; Polaroid "Instant" Pictures; Landlines; Paying for Pornography; Dial – up (to connect to the Internet once required a phone line which plugged into your computer; Getting Lost; CD Case Binders (music has become digitized); "Blind Dates" (no more thanks to apps like Tinder); Cursive Writing (kids can't write it and some can't read it) only used is signing checks (also becoming obsolete); Floppy Disks; Library Card Catalogs; Calculators; Beepers; Fax Machines; and Pagers.

The WORD of GOD is changeless amid our changing times. The most urgent need, in the Church, is a deeper knowledge of GOD. We need to know GOD better. "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of

**living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns—
broken cisterns that can hold no water.” (Jeremiah
2:13) “Those who depart from Me shall be written
in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord,
the fountain of living waters.” [Jeremiah 17:13b]**

**The WORD of GOD is often referred to as water in
the Bible because the WORD acts as a cleansing
agent. Believers of CHRIST are sprinkled clean
from an evil conscience and our bodies washed
with pure water” [Heb 10:22]. Water, in the Bible,
represents the cleansing of the sinner by the
washing of the water of the WORD of GOD. Water
is also the source of the living water that springs
up into eternal life. Letting the WORD of GOD abide
in us means letting JESUS abide in us speaking. The
LORD abiding in us is interchangeable with HIS
WORD abiding in us because CHRIST never comes
without HIS authoritative WORD. When CHRIST
abides in us, HIS WORD abides in us.**

**The thing that is wrong with the Modern Gospel is
there is No Sin; no Conviction; -no Judgment; no
Cross; no Blood; no HOLINESS; no Brokenness; no
Repentance; no HELL; and no True Salvation! D. L.
Moody once said, “Sin will keep You from the BOOK
Or the BOOK will keep You from Sin.”**

**Our main reforming power is the WORD of GOD. A
Believer is washed by The WORD of GOD as he/she**

studies it. And as the believer studies GOD'S WORD his/her mind is renewed [Rom. 12:2; Eph. 4:23], into the very Mind of CHRIST. And this enables the believer to know the very Will of GOD, which is necessary to effectively do the Work of GOD.

Charles Spurgeon said, "A TIME WILL COME WHEN INSTEAD OF SHEPHERDS FEEDING THE SHEEP, THE CHURCH WILL HAVE CLOWNS ENTERTAINING THE GOATS!"

JESUS answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every WORD that comes from the mouth of GOD.'" [Matthew 4:4] ""Therefore whoever hears these sayings of MINE, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. [Matt. 7:24-25] In Revelation 21:6 JESUS said, "To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the Water of Life without payment" and "the River of the Water of Life, bright as crystal, flowing from the Throne of GOD and of the LAMB" [Rev 22:1].

May we always have a mind through which CHRIST thinks; a heart through which CHRIST loves; a voice through which CHRIST speaks; a hand through which CHRIST helps; and be a vessel through which CHRIST lives!

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