

Passage: Titus 1:1-4

Title: God's Word Will Not Return Void – Because God Cannot Lie!

Summary: In our passage today, God reminds us of a wonderful truth that comes with great power, that when we read, hear, and receive His Word.... He promises power comes with it. Why? Because we will read another truth, He wants us to be reminded of as well, God cannot lie.... His good on His Word, every time!

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Paul is giving a charge to Titus, very much like he gave to Timothy, and I am reminded of the charge (military command) that Paul gave Timothy

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One of the most fascinating sites to visit in Washington D.C. is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. For 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, a platoon of 30 honor guards protects the tomb through rain, snow, and even hurricanes! It's been guarded every minute of every day since 1937.

A single sentinel takes his post guarding carefully, walking exactly 21 steps then pausing for 21 seconds before turning around and continuing his duty. The number 21 is in reference to the 21 gun salute which is the military's highest honor given to a soldier. When the changing of the guard takes place, the orders are passed from one soldier to the next – "Orders Remain Unchanged."

So too for us as we continue in our new book here in Titus, orders remain unchanged:

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Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Titus 1:1 NKJV) Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

Verse 1 - A Bondservant: I refer you back to last week's study on being a bondservant, a slave of love bonded to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Verse 1 - An Apostle of Jesus Christ: As I pondered Titus 1:1 and Paul saying he was an apostle (sent one) of Jesus Christ, I found great comfort and GREAT POWER in the sent by "Who" — Jesus Christ, the power in who sent Paul, who sends me, is in He Who sends - Jesus Christ, so by faith I receive that and say Lord as you send me to my wife, to my children, I know I have the power for all things You are calling me to do as the father, husband, provider - that word brought me great power this morning. I love the power when I think of Isaiah 52, as it says the bare arm of the Lord; you know what that means, in our illustration, and that is the Lord rolling up His sleeve, because He is displaying and going to show His power!

[*Isaiah 52:10 \(NKJV\)*](#) ¹⁰ The LORD has made bare His holy arm In the eyes of all the nations; And all the ends of the earth shall see The salvation of our God.

Verse 1 - according to the faith: - better translated "for the furtherance of the faith". Paul says I am a servant, an Apostle, for the furtherance of the faith of God's elect. That God's people will go further and do better, that the kingdom would expand and people deepened in their heart to Him. We can all relate to this whether it is our family members, friends, or church brethren, we want to see them grow deeper and go further in their walk.

I have a heart for the lost, but I know to truly reach them, I want to see you deepened, and go further in your walk, for you corporately will reach more than I can ever reach individually. Also, I want to see you be all that God has for you to be.

Verse 1 of God's Elect:— the word elect simply means chosen, and I love it, in that God chose me..... because He wanted me, He wanted you. Again great power in know I am loved and wanted. Election is by vote, and we know from the Cross that it was a unanimous vote (Father-Son-Spirit) to redeem us. The Trinity was in agreement, I want Ray! And I am ever so thankful that the vote was taken before the foundation of the world, haha, before they saw what they were getting (I joke of course). I am thankful I didn't have to campaign before them to get elected, because it could not be convincing in any way; however, truly in a way we did campaign, we simply said to Him, we need a savior, we are hopeless apart from help, and we need You to help us, to which he said, I will take the job! I will be your Savior.

[*Ephesians 1:3–6 \(NKJV\)*](#) ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

[*Ephesians 2:4–9 \(NKJV\)*](#) ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Verse 1 - and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness: - simply put the statement means "the truth produces godliness." Learn the truths of God, apply them to your lives, and you will become more like Him daily. It truly is that simple. The "truth" is the spiritual protein to build a spiritual godly body.

[*John 8:31–32 \(NKJV\)*](#) ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

[*John 8:34–36 \(NKJV\)*](#) ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

[*John 14:6 \(NKJV\)*](#) ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

(Titus 1:2 NKJV) in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

Verse 2 – hope of eternal life: The Greek word for eternal life means “age abiding life”, it means more than just duration, but also the quality of life. Hope of eternal life, is not just heaven future, but here and now. Eternal life begins now, then goes on into heaven.

What is eternal life, Jesus told us in John 17, that they might know God.

(John 17:3 NKJV) "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Eternal life is knowing Him. The closer I walk with Him today, the more I taste of heaven, the further away I am from Him, the more hellish my day will be. Eternal life isn't someday out there, but walking with Him today, and that is what we are doing right now. The everlasting life, it is a promise. We are going to make it because it isn't based on us but Him to deliver. Live now, He will deliver on His promise. The purpose of life is not to arrive at death safely; it is walking in obedience with Him, and where He takes us.

John 10:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Verse 2 - which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began: - We have this hope because God cannot fail, he cannot lie, therefore He said that all who will believe will have eternal life. He said it before time began, so it doesn't matter how bad you have blown it since the clock started ticking, all who know him will have eternal life. We will see later in this chapter that there is a difference between professing Him and knowing Him. But for those that know Him, He says I determined eternal life for you before I even started to create the heavens and earth, you eternal life is secured in me.

(Titus 1:3 NKJV) but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior

Verse 3 – in due time manifested His Word through preaching: The Word manifest means to make apparent, to show clearly. The word is manifested through preaching. Amazing how you can listen to a Bible Study and just feel like God is reaching right into your heart and dealing with the very thing I am facing or struggling with. Someone will come to visit a church, and on the way home say to whoever brought them, you told him I was coming didn't ya. We use to always joke and say he must have been in my house last night.

Verse 3 – committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior: so again the power is in who gave the command, “God our Savior”. He says Paul, further the faith, go set the captives free through the preaching of the Word.

Luke 4:16–19 (NKJV) ¹⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.”

A powerful cross-reference to verse 3, the word became manifest through preaching is in Romans 16:

- Establish – to make firm, determination, resolute
- According to the gospel – this promise to establish us is sealed (signed) in the blood of Christ
- A mystery now made known – God wants us to be firmly established, to go deeper into the things of the Lord, the spiritual things of God.
- Why – for the obedience of faith (according to the faith) *For-All-I-Trust-Him*

- Because – God alone is wise; wisdom is knowledge applied, and the Lord not only teaches us His word, but how to apply it, for He is the Wise God, alone in the greatness of His wisdom, making all the world's wisdom foolish.
- Glory – glory is majesty, this wisdom flows from His Majesty on High – it is glorious what He pours out unto us
- Through – location is everything, and in our spiritual realm the location declares the source, and the source is Jesus Christ, God Himself, God alone.
- Forever – thus since it is forever, there is no end to the pouring out of all things for godliness, that establishes, because Jesus is eternal and His pouring forth are eternal. So today I can say..... more
- Amen – so be it, it is true, let it be fulfilled, and if we so chose to say to all the above.... I own that!

Romans 16:25–27 (NKJV) ²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith—²⁷ to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

In Isaiah 55, God gives a wonderful promise regarding His Word, and that is that it will not return void (empty, of no value), but it will prosper the hearer.

Isaiah 55:8–11 (NKJV) ⁸ “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹ “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Here is a great challenge, “Read the Bible in a year”. You can do it on the go, or in your home, and use our mobile app “bible tab” that has an easy roughly 3-4 chapters a day, a little from Old Testament, a little from the New Testament, and in a year you will have read the whole Bible – that will be a great year I can guarantee you that, because God Himself guarantees it, because He says His word will not return void/empty.

We as a family had a three-night movie night over Christmas, and each night we watched one of the “Left Behind” movies. In the last of the three, called Tribulation Force, the Christians across the world were all being infected by an unknown virus, but the virus was specific to the Christians as the rest of the world was not being infected. The Christians tried to find a vaccine for it, but it was to no avail. It would later be revealed that the anti-christ was having a deadly virus sprayed on to Bibles (which were in short supply because they were outlawed and confiscated), and that is what was causing the deadly virus to spread. To which we joked about it together, that if there was a virus sprayed on Bibles today, would there be a deadly pandemic spreading through the churches today. We know CCAAC would be wiped out in a week, because every week we say, let's turn in our Bibles too.....

Here something to ponder and receive; In Egypt, water was pumped to the fields from the Nile. Egypt is a type of the world, the flesh, where things have to be “pumped up.” God said, “I’m taking you to a different land, where water comes down from heaven. You won’t have to set some kind of atmosphere or try to manipulate the situation. Just love Me with all your heart and soul, and I will pour out the rain upon you.” I suggest that in these days the Lord is indeed pouring out His Spirit. It need not be pumped up in our own energy or manipulated through careful strategy. Rather, if we simply love God and let Him pour out His Spirit, He’ll work anywhere and everywhere He’s loved.

Deuteronomy 11:10–14 (NKJV) ¹⁰ For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden; ¹¹ but the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven, ¹² a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year. ¹³ ‘And it shall be that if you earnestly obey My commandments which I command you today, to love the LORD your God and serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹⁴ then I will give you the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil.

John 4:11–14 (NKJV) ¹¹ The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 4:21–24 (NKJV) ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

I am praying for a revival, and I know a sure pathway to personal revival, is Re-Bible! To read, to re-read, the Bible, and through re-Bible, personal revivals will break forth.

God will manifest His word through preaching and the reading of the word. And know this, God will never give His word, independent of Himself, so He shows Himself clearly through the teaching of the Word. In the Song of Solomon, which is an allegory of Jesus and His Bride, As chapter 2 opens, the shepherd-king says, "I am the rose of Sharon." Jesus identified Himself as the bread of life (John 6:35) and the light of the world (John 8:12). But here, He's speaking of something more than an essential need or provision for life. He is saying, "I'm not just bread and light—I'm something beautiful to behold. I don't only give you the essentials—I bring beauty to your life."

Song of Solomon 2:1 (NKJV) ¹ *I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys.*

John 6:35 (NKJV) ³⁵ And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

John 8:12 (NKJV) ¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Song of Solomon 1:3 (NKJV) ³ *Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.*

Song of Solomon 1:13 (NKJV) ¹³ *A bundle of myrrh is my beloved to me, That lies all night between my breasts.*

Song of Solomon 1:14 (NKJV) ¹⁴ *My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms In the vineyards of En Gedi.*

But before moving off Song of Solomon, verse 1 and 2 is a must to see, Of the maiden, the king says, "I am a lily and you're like me. As the lily among thorns, I see you and I love the beauty I see in you." A lily is one of the most pollinating flowers in all of botany, and we see the Lord spreading His seed of love into others and they take on His likeness in new life through salvation. But notice also, as man's days are numbered, and darkness falls upon the land, and as we read in Psalm 23 though we walk we the "valley" of the shadow of death.... There in the darkness, the shadows, is a "Lily" in its full bloom, white and vibrant in backdrop of darkness, declaring eternal life that overcomes death and darkness.

Song of Solomon 2:1 (NKJV) ¹ *I am the rose of Sharon, And the lily of the valleys.*

Song of Solomon 2:2 (NKJV) ² *Like a lily among thorns, So is my love among the daughters.*

Psalms 23:4 (NKJV) ⁴ *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

(Titus 1:4 NKJV) To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.

Verse 4 -To Titus, a true son in our common faith – ahh to hear these words from your spiritual father, how wonderful they must have been to Titus. We need to do this more often, we need to call or write a beloved brethren and refresh them words of encouragement. Not preach to them, or give them a Bible study on perseverance, just call and tell them you are a true son in the faith to the Most High God, you bless me and make me so proud just to know you.

Surely Titus would say, well maybe the same faith for salvation, but I am no apostle Paul, do you know how far off the faith I am compared to you Paul, please don't even put me in the same sentence.

I am reminded when I was first saved, and struggling, and I was like Lord I don't understand how is it I am in this place again, I so want to please you and serve You, how did I fail again? To which He answered me, I heard His voice (I was at a church concert and I can tell you where I sat, the lighting, and every detail as it was so vivid the moment), and the Lord said, "it is because You are immature". He didn't say it in a belittle way, a sharp angry way, but He said it in love to me.... You are immature in the faith, you have a lot of growing to do, and I walked away in power in knowing that as long as I walked with Him, continued on in His Word, he was going to grow me in the faith. And 30 years after that concert, that word, we still have work to do, but my how faithful He has been to me as these 30 years growing me in spiritual maturity.

Faith must be tested to be faith, otherwise it is an exercise in sight not faith. I love the verse in Job that says when I am tested, I will come forth as gold. The intent of what is being said is that all the dross, impurity, will be burned away in the testing and the pure gold will come forth. Testing of the Lord is God's purifying process, as He doesn't want to leave us in the state which we came in of as we left the world and came into the personal relationship with Him.

Job 23:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

I am reminded of when I left the Space Center, stepped out in faith and went to Bible College because I felt the leading of the Lord, a calling, to teach His Word. It was glorious, wonderful experience of my life going to the Calvary Chapel Bible College. After graduation I had all kinds of opportunities out West in California where Bible College was, but the Lord laid it on my heart to head East young man (there were plenty of churches in California already). So what happened next I truly wasn't ready for, as I was expecting all kinds of doors to open for me on the East Coast as they had on the West Coast, but it turned out to be completely opposite. Ministry didn't open the way I had thought, I knew the Lord had said get a job to support yourself, but no jobs opened and I went into a long period of unemployment, and thus what was joy and excitement, and great expectations turned into hard times, and then as the months wore on turned into questions of what the Lord was doing, where was He. And one day, it was the perfect forming of all the pieces, I literally said (in a harsh and bitter way), I'm done Lord, I just want a job, and go back to a routine life of work, going to church, and such. I wasn't quitting my faith, not tempted in anyone to exercise some sin of the flesh, but simply saying this cost to serve You is too much, I cant take it, I'm out. One of the immediate lessons I saw at that moment was.... Giving the right circumstances, that even in my faith, I could curse Him by challenging His goodness. I saw it, and said please forgive me Lord, let Your will be done.

Next thing I did was go for a walk. It was intense moment, a low moment, but still yet a strong moment because God showed me something that would be for a lifetime, and that was to have compassion and empathy when that brother or sister has that crisis moment with the Lord, to not pile on more burden upon them, but to reach a hand down to lift them up and out, then to walk beside them. But back to my walk that day, as I crossed over the catwalk over the sand dune there on the beach, I felt the Lord impress me to head north, but I rarely liked walking that way because the pier was north (about a mile) and it meant lots of people which I purposely wanted to avoid. So I headed south, didn't walk far and again felt an impression from the Lord that said, "I said head north", to which I abruptly turned and started heading north. I was maybe a half mile into my walk and I say a terrified crying young child (maybe 3 or 4) walking south, to which I immediately knew was lost. Sadly walking by people after people and no one even noticing a lost child. I went up to him and said are you looking for mommy to which in convulsing shaking head nodding yes, but unable to speak. He tried to keep heading south, but (as wisdom would say – probably came from up near the pier), to which I said hey turn around and go this way and we will find your mommy. It was another couple hundred yards as we walked and it was easy for me to point to a woman out of a hundred and say is that your mommy, as he started to run to her after I

pointed, as I could see out of a hundred the most terrified woman on the beach in a frantic search mode (once again nobody stopping to help – even in all her fear).

After they reconnected, I continued on, and I thought wow had that child kept going south, and a world filled with sick predators, who knows what might have happened to this beautiful child today.....and the Lord immediately said, but I sent you. And I thus immediately overwhelmed with the goodness of the Lord, You still chose to use me, even after I challenged You, and Your goodness, and that You saw me. So Christian, I tell you a story of one of my lowest moments in my walk, and one of God's sweetest forgiveness to me, and say to you..... Faith has to be tested, and He knows our failures, but doesn't fail us when we fail Him, rather He simply marks them as pieces and steps in His refining process, and wants to remind you today, even in your failings, I will never fail you, so if you have failed recently, He says lets go, lets walk together, I am far from done..... lets head north, I got something to show you, I am going to use you in great in mighty ways.

Verse 4 – grace, mercy, peace: – again the power is in where it is sent from, and grace, mercy, and peace come from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, and it cant be found in this world, thus why some people are living with no peace in their life.

- Grace- getting what we don't deserve, eternal life because His sacrificed life. Paid in Full.
- Mercy – not getting what we deserve, judgement and wrath because we broke His holy commandments. It is Done
- Peace – peace with God, peace (rest) from the condemnation of sin.

John 19:30 (NKJV) ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Revelation 21:5–7 (NKJV) ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." ⁶ And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. ⁷ He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

Romans 5:1 (NKJV) ¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Christian now go live in the power of peace, of being the elected, an unanimous vote, I want Ray!

Grace, mercy, and peace - Paul's interface with the world; everywhere he went and everybody he encountered, he wanted to leave them with grace, mercy and peace. I like that, in the 7/11, at work, at the local business. I have to tell ya, I worked this guy this week. He was so mean, and the meaner he got, the nicer I was. I complimented him on his job performance, and told him I appreciated him, he didn't know what to do because I'm sure he is use to people not liking him because he is so mean. He didn't know how to handle the compliment, probably because no one ever gives him one..... Grace, mercy, and peace

With those words (grace – mercy – peace), lets head to the communion table.

Communion

The power of communion, when we do it together, as we do not forsake the assembly of the brethren

1 Corinthians 11:17–22 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Now in giving these instructions I do not praise you, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. ¹⁹ For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. ²⁰ Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. ²¹ For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of others; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

The Lord gives a great calling in communion to examine ourselves, and deal with anything and everything that is contrary to the Word of the Lord. In Corinth Church one of their big issues was division in the church, and people were not looking out for their brothers and sisters in the church. People were not reverencing the price that was paid by the Lord (v29 – not discerning the Lord's

body), and thus were living to their will and not the Lord's. We see that the abuse in the church was so extreme that God brought a correction upon them. But what I want to focus on is the promise that comes with communion. The communion table takes us back to what He has done for us, it reminds us where we were before we came to the understanding of what He did for us, it reminds us of the fleeting fading emptiness the world offers all of us. The communion (fellowship) table takes me back to my worth, my value, the treasure I am before Him and to Him, and that brings power into my life as I know the reassurance I am. And knowing the treasure I am, will lead me to live like the treasure I am. That is spiritual power! And, I do believe there is a healing power (in accordance with God's Will – just as the Cup that was before Him, He said nevertheless let Thy will be done); but in Isaiah we are told, by His stripes we are healed. Healed from the curse of sin for sure, delivered from the power of sin absolutely, but I can take the cup here at the communion table (it is not a mystical potion), but say Lord You have the power to heal, and so I ask, if You will..... heal me, because communion brings me into the remembrance of your healing power.

1 Corinthians 11:27–34 (NKJV) ²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. ³³ Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

1 Peter 2:23–24 (NKJV) ²³ *who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;* ²⁴ *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.*

On the night in which He was betrayed

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV) ²³ *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;* ²⁴ *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* ²⁵ *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* ²⁶ *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

