

Psalm 119:169-176

A Verse-by-Verse Study TAU (Truth, A Sign, Life or Death)

The Hebrew letter TAU (ט) is the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet and can mean "mark," "sign," "omen," or "seal". It is also a symbol of perfection, truth, and completion, and represents the restoration of all existence. In the Old Testament, the word tau can mean "mark" in general, but also specifically the cross mark, which is also the alphabetic character. For Christians, the Tau represents the cross of Christ and the fulfillment of Old Testament promises. The cross represents the means by which Christ reversed the disobedience of Adam and became the "New Adam"

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

- Solomon concluded his life with this thought:
 - **Ecclesiastes 12:13** Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man.
14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it* be good, or whether *it* be evil.
- We MUST accept that the life of the child of God begins and ends with Christ
 - Christ IS the Word according to John 1:1-4

- **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - 2** The same was in the beginning with God.
 - 3** All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.
 - 4** In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
 - He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
 - **John 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."
 - The Word is God Breathed (inspired by God)
 - **2Timothy 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
 - 17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
 - Just as God breathed into Adam to make him a living soul - **Genesis 2:7** *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*
 - God's Word and God's Spirit breathe life into the one dead in their sins in need of REAL Life
 - **John 17:14** I have given them thy word;
 - 17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
- This is the **understanding we must pray** for each time we open the Scriptures
 - Seeking Life in Christ and liberty from death

171 My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments *are* righteousness.

173 Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD; and thy law *is* my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments.

- Here in the conclusion of Psalm 119 we get to the real heart of our Psalmist
 - Their sinful state left them broken
 - Their enemy of self and satanic oppression has been realized
 - They are fully aware that the only One who can help is their God...(it HAS to be personal)
 - Their life is now given to the authority and power of the Word of God
 - To live in it
 - This then produces a life of praise to the Almighty Word of God
 - To the commandments of God
 - To precepts (convictions) of God
 - To the salvation of God (this includes the sanctification)
 - The life that God gives
 - The liberty that God gives
 - Understanding that one turn from these things will only lead to darkness, destruction, and death
- If you are a child of God living in Faith through the Word and Spirit...people should know it

- **Psalm 107:1** O give thanks unto the LORD, for *he is good*: for his mercy *endureth* forever.
2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;
- David said this after the darkest time in his life...
 - **Psalm 51:1** Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin *is* ever before me.
4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done *this* evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, *and* be clear when thou judgest.
5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.
6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part* thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; *that* the bones *which* thou hast broken may rejoice.
9 Hide thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities.
10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me *with thy* free spirit.

13 *Then* will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: *and* my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

- **Real praise will be really powerful when we become really broken about real sin**