

TALK IS CHEAP

I'd like to share a few thoughts and some scriptures with you.

Let's start in John chapter 1 verse 1.

In the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word actually was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being. In Him was life and the life was the light of men.

Jesus only spoke what the Father spoke and He only did with the Father does. And He said, the Father and I are one. John 10.30.

Jesus was the expression of the Father's heart, not because of what He said, but because of who He was and His complete oneness with the Father.

Some will say, that's all well and good, we know that Jesus was a completely special case. He healed the sick because He was God, He cast out demons because He was God, He walked on water because He was God, but what's that got to do with us?

Jesus told the Father, the glory you have given Me, I have given to them, that they may be one just as we are one. John 17. 22

He also said in verse 18,

Just as you sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

In other words, the same way you sent Me into the world and for the same purpose I have sent them into the world to accomplish that purpose.

Jesus told His disciples that, all authority has been given to Me in heaven and on Earth.

You go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you for I am with you always even to the end of the age.

Yet today in our world people aren't sure what is really true.

In John chapter 18, Pontius Pilate asked Jesus the question, what is truth? In the New Testament, the word translated as truth is the Greek word "Alethia". It means reality. It's the opposite of something that's false or an illusion.

In John 14.6, Jesus said, I AM the way, I AM the truth, and I AM the life. Please note, that Jesus did not say that, I always SAY the truth. He said, I AM the truth.

In America our country's constitution declares our right to free speech. We can pretty much say whatever we want, and we believe that no one should be able to stop us from doing it. We can express our personal opinions and feelings anyway we wish. Anyone can say anything they want to and it's effortless.

Much like Psalms 12.4 which says, with our tongue we will prevail, our lips are our own, who is Lord over us?

But verse 1 in the same chapter says,

Help Lord! For principled and godly people are here no more, faithfulness and the faithful vanish from among the sons of man. To his neighbor each one speaks words without worth, without truth, and with flattering lips and a double heart, they deceitfully speak.

This scripture brings out the idea that although it's effortless to say whatever we want and requires very little thought, to be a person of character requires considerably more effort.

We see this everywhere in our society today. We see it in the media, in politics, and in even in religion.

People are verbally sparring with each other over their opinions. Our right to say what we want is guaranteed, but to actually be righteous has become totally optional.

It reminds me of when our television weather man predicts tomorrow's weather. He doesn't have to be right, he just needs to convincingly share the science of what might happen.

Look at Luke 6.44, Jesus said, Each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil, for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

In James 3. 8 it reads,

No one can tame the tongue, it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God, from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produced figs? Nor can salt water produced fresh.

When we speak, even though our words may say otherwise, the true condition of our heart is revealed. It's a lot easier to say something that sounds right, than to actually be righteous.

The 7 sons of Sceva are a great example of this. In Acts chapter 19, seven Jewish exorcists went to a demon possessed man and said, in the name of Jesus that Paul preaches, come out of him!

Their lack of submission to God's authority was exposed by their words. The demon possessed man subdued all of them, and they ran from the house wounded and naked.

In contrast Jesus said,

If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you can ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you. John 15.7

The natural perception of our personal history, our current condition, the way things appear to us, and how we feel about them, is completely unreliable to give us the vision of our destiny as God's children.

In our society today, people believe that their voice and their words are at their complete discretion to voice their opinions about anything and everything. As God's children, it's a completely different story.

1 Peter 4.9 states, if anyone speaks, let him speak the oracle of God.

I looked up this word translated as Oracle. In the original Greek language it means a divine statement or a word originated by God.

Jesus came to be our example of the life that God made available to us as His children.

John 1.1 reads,

But to as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not a blood common or the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but they are born of God.

Verse 14

And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Verse 17

For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.

Let me read verse 18 from the Amplified Bible.

No man has ever seen God at any time, the only unique Son, the only begotten of God, who is in the intimate presence of the Father, He has declared Him, He has revealed Him and brought Him out where He can be seen, He has interpreted Him and He has made Him known.

We were born into the family of God, and became Christians so that we can express the eternal life of God to this world and make the invisible God of the spirit realm visible in this world.

In John 16.14, Jesus said about the Holy Spirit,

He will glorify me, for He will take of mine, and He will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are mine, therefore I said that He will take of mine, and will disclose it to you. The amplified version reads, He will declare, disclose, and transmitted to you.

God has committed His Holy Spirit to us to equip us to manifest His eternal life and everything that He is to this world.

Hebrews chapter one says that,

God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom He also made the world. He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power.

Romans 8.16 declares,

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ....of all the things that Jesus has.

Romans 8.29 explains that,
we've been predestined from the beginning to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first born among many brethren....

Jesus came to Earth and became a man so that He could reveal the love of the Father for all men, to establish His kingdom and this Earth, and reconcile all of mankind back into the family of God.

He paid the penalty for our sin in full on the cross. Then He sent the Holy Spirit to fill us, and empower us to fulfill His calling to preach His Gospel of the kingdom to the entire Earth.

Romans 1.20 says,
For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what He has made.....

Man is God's supreme creation to manifest Himself to this world.

Ephesians 2.10 amp reads,
For we are God's own handiwork, His workmanship, recreated in Christ Jesus, born anew that we may do those good works which God predestined and planned beforehand for us, taking paths which He prepared ahead of time that we should walk in them.
In God's plan for us, the Gospel, He supernaturally put us in Christ so that we would all share His likeness and be filled with His eternal life.

John 17.3 states,
This is eternal life, that they know you the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

The Father intends for us, just like His first-born Son, to have His word become flesh in us, so that we can also make Him known in this world.

God bless you.
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