

Why we read & study the Bible!

2 Timothy 2:15 *Study to shew yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

Hosea 6:1-3, & 7 Come and **let us return to the Lord**; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. *After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight.* **Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord** (Hosea 4:6). His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, **like the latter and former rain** to the earth... For I **desire mercy** and not sacrifice, **and the knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings.

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word **was with** God, and the Word **was** God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things **were made** by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:14 And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth**.

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, **If you continue in My Word, then** are you My disciples indeed; and you **shall know** the truth, and the truth **shall make** you free.

John 14:6-7 Jesus said unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man comes unto the Father, but by Me. If you had **known** Me, you should have **known** My Father also: and from henceforth you **know** Him and have **seen** Him.

Hebrews 4:12 For the **Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper** than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder of soul and spirit**, and of the joints and marrow, **and is a discernor** of the thoughts and intents of the heart. *(Scripture acts like an ultimate spiritual mirror. It cuts through our excuses, reveals our true motives, and shows us who we really are inside.)*

Psalms 119:105 Thy Word **is a lamp** unto my feet, **and a light** unto my path.

Psalms 119:9 Wherewithal shall a young man **cleanse his way**? by taking heed thereto according to Thy word.

Proverbs 4:20-23 My son, **attend to my words**; incline thine ear **unto my sayings**. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. **For they are life** unto those **that find them**, and **health to all their flesh**. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 ...when you shall **search for Me** with all your heart.

Isaiah 55:2-3 **Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live**; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you - the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 55:6 **Seek the Lord** while He may be found, **call upon Him** while He is near.

Isaiah 55:11 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.

John 17:1-26 - Jesus' High Priestly Prayer

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him.

And this is eternal life, **that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, Oh Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

"I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and **they have kept Your word**. Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. For I have **given to them the words** which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

"I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and **I am glorified in them**. Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, **keep through Your name those** whom You have given Me, that they **may be one** as We are.

While I was with them in the world, **I kept them in** Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition (Judas), that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. I have **given them Your Word**; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should **keep them from the evil one**. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will **believe in Me through their word**; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, **and that the world may know** that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Oh righteous Father! **The world has not known You, but I have known You**; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have **declared to them Your name, and will declare it**, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Also read: <https://bible-equip.org/2015/12/28/your-name-john-1726/> "God" - that is not His name. That is the general term for deity, "*Theos*" in Greek, and "*Elohim*" in Hebrew. But His name was revealed to Moses in the burning bush incident: God said to Moses, "**I AM WHO I AM**"; (Exodus 3:14-15)

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came **not with excellency of speech or of wisdom**, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
2. For I determined not to know anything among you, **save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified**.
3. And I **was with you** in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
4. And my speech and my preaching was *not with enticing words* of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
5. That your **faith should** not stand in the wisdom of men, **but in the power** of God.
6. Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:
7. But we speak **the wisdom of God in a mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
8. Which none of the princes of this world knew: **for had they known it**, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
9. But as it is written, "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which **God has prepared** for them that love Him".
10. But God **has revealed them unto us** by His Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.
11. For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God.
12. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things **that are freely given** to us of God.
13. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; **comparing spiritual things** with spiritual.
14. But the **natural man receives not the things** of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
15. But he that is **spiritual judges all things**, yet he himself is judged of no man.
16. For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ.