
-STUDY-

"ALL.....ALL-

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

No doubt you have heard this verse over and over and an explanation of what it means. But it may be with this command as it has been so much with the 4th commandment of the decalog. In it the first part has been overlooked and only the latter part emphasized. But it was made very plain there that a 6 day week was in order for the workman. He was to work 6 days. He was to have his work finished for the week. It was just as important to work the 6 days as it was to rest on the 7th.

So here the important thing is that we should study to shew ourselves approved unto God. It is perfectly natural for men to seek the approval of other men, but is it so easy to seek the approval of God?

The word STUDY does not mean to read and study the Bible, tho that may have a part in it. The word STUDY in the Greek is also translated ENDEAVOR in Eph. 4:3, and LABOR in Heb. 4:11, and BE DILIGENT in 2Pet. 3:14. These may give us some idea of just what the word STUDY may mean in 2 Tim. 2:15.

Weymouth translates this, "Earnestly seek to commend yourself to God." Now this will apply to everything in our lives. It is intensely practical. The practical section of Eph. may give us a great deal of light on how to do this. Study chapters 4, 5, and 6.

If we are to commend ourselves to God, we must know His will concerning us and diligently strive to do what He would have us to do. Nothing can please God any more than for us to honor His Son. Paul said to the Philippians, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus..." Read the rest for yourself in Phil. 2:5 etc.

So let us strive to be approved unto God and not strive among ourselves. It may be that it would be well to forget the approval of men for a while and seek the things which are above.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Cor. 15:22.

Here is the stronghold of universal reconciliation theories. They make ALL to mean everybody who has lived, who live, and who will live. If you will take the word ALL and trace it thru the Scriptures, as well as its usage today, you will soon find that it does not mean ALL with no exception. The verse above is a good example. Look at the context.

It goes on to say that those who will be made alive will be made so each in his own order. Of those who are to be made alive, Christ is the firstfruits. But now notice the next expression. Afterward THOSE THAT ARE CHRIST'S. No others will ever be made alive. "He that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Those are plain words. But even more emphatic are the words, "He that believeth not the Son shall not see life."

Then the second ALL in the verse we quoted is limited to ALL who are Christ's. No others are included. The unsaved have no hope here. This precludes any idea of universal reconciliation at the very start. Men will not face plain facts, but will try to becloud them with vain philosophies and mysterious babblings. It is plain that ALL in Adam or descended from Adam have inherited death. Their social position, wealth, or goodness make no difference. All die. Eternal life is the gift of God. But that gift is wrapped up in the Son. The gift cannot be had without the wrapping. In Him only is life. You take it or leave it. It must be a free choice. Outside of Christ people perish. That is complete and final.

But in the context of the verse quoted, there is a further limitation. Paul is speaking to those who have the hope of Israel. So to them it is said that those who will be made alive are those that are Christ's at HIS COMING (parousia). Only this one resurrection is in view. This does not include the Church which is His Body. Nor does it include the great masses who have eternal life only.

* * * * *

-DISPENSATIONAL OUTLINE OF THE BOOKS OF THE N T-

I. KINGDOM OFFERED. Time; From ministry of John at Jordan to Calvary.

1. MATTHEW. Christ as King.
2. MARK. Christ as Servant.
3. LUKE. Christ as Man.

Ministries;

- a. John, "Repent ye for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- b. Christ, "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- c. The 12, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- d. The 70, "The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

II. KINGDOM RE-OFFERED. Time, From Calvary to Acts 28:28.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES The re-offer was in answer to the prayer on Calvary. Christ raised to sit on the throne of David. The re-offer was ended because "He came unto His own and His own received Him not."

A. EPISTLES written by the apostles to the Circumcision. (To Jews only).

1. JAMES. Works as the outcome of faith.
2. 1 PETER. Suffering and glory.
3. 2 PETER. Prophecy and the Day of the Lord.
4. 1 JOHN. Fellowship.
5. 2 JOHN. The truth.
6. 3 JOHN. Christian hospitality.
7. JUDE. Apostacy.

B. EPISTLES written by the apostle to the Uncircumcision. (Both to Jew and Gentile). The Gentile grafted in. Middle wall still up.

1. ROMANS. Justification by faith.
2. 1 CORINTHIANS. Carnality and spiritual things.
3. 2 CORINTHIANS. Ministry and comfort.
4. GALATIANS. The cross of Christ.
5. 1 THESSALONIANS. The coming (parousia).
6. 2 THESSALONIANS. The revelation (apokalupsis) from heaven.
7. HEBREWS. Christ as High Priest.

III. KINGDOM HELD IN ABEYANCE. Time, From Acts 28:28 to Lord's Day.

Israel wholly blinded and Lo Ammi (not My people). Salvation sent to the Gentiles. They hear it and preach it.

A. THE GOSPEL OF EVERLASTING LIFE. To Gentiles. Jewish rituals and ordinances discontinued. No repentance. Faith only required.

1. JOHN, Christ as God.

B. THE GOSPEL OF THE DISPENSATION OF THE MYSTERY. To Gentiles.

To the only group having a hope of going to heaven. Its truth not found in Moses and the Prophets, nor in ministries of Christ and the 12.

1. EPHESIANS. In Christ. Blessings and walk.
2. PHILIPPIANS. Christ within. Prize of the high calling.
3. COLOSSIANS. Complete in Him. Christ as Head.
4. 1 TIMOTHY. Doctrine and godliness (God-likeness).
5. 2 TIMOTHY. The crown. These last days.
6. TITUS. Soundness. Hope (epiphaneia).
7. PHILEMON. Christian forgiveness.

IV. KINGDOM ACCEPTED. The Day of the Lord. Time, From Israel's repentance to deliverance of the kingdom to the Father. Promise of life fulfilled. Ends in New Heavens and New Earth in which dwelleth righteousness.

1. THE REVELATION. Coming King and kingdom revealed (apokalupsis).

* * * * *

-STUDIES IN JOHN- #26

1. What did the Lord mean when He spoke to Judas in 13:27?
2. Did the rest understand what was meant?
3. What did they think might be meant?
4. If this supper which is recorded for us by John had been the Passover, is it likely that Judas could have bought provisions for the feast? See 13:1
5. If this were not the Passover, but an ordinary supper, what about the ordinance of feet-washing in connection with the Lord's supper?
6. Just what feeling do the last words of verse 30 give you?
7. How can the shameful events which follow be said to glorify the Son of Man?
8. How can these same events be said to glorify God?
9. Did the Lord ever promise the disciples a home in heaven? See verse 33 and compare it with 14:3. Where will the prepared place be? Rev. 21:2
10. What is the new commandment?
11. Is this really a new commandment or is it a summing up of the ten commandments?
12. How much love shall we have for one another? What is the measure? 34
13. How can we recognize a true disciple of Christ?
14. What question does Peter ask?
15. What is the answer?
16. Did the Lord mean in this answer that Peter would follow Him to heaven, or that he would follow Him in death?
17. Which way did Peter take it?
18. Do you think that Peter was in earnest and meant what he said?
19. How soon was Peter to forget these words and deny Christ?
20. Was this the first or second set of 3 denials by Peter? Compare this with Luke 22:34 and Matt. 26:34 and then contrast with Mark 14:30.
21. What words of comfort immediately follow?
22. Do you think that the first 4 verses of chap. 14 might have been spoken primarily to Peter?
22. Do you think Peter needed this?

DEAR YOUNG FOLKS: Thanks a lot for your patience when I get behind with checking your papers. Right now I have them all done but one person's, and hope to get that out soon.

Did you ever wish that all the things that tempt might be prohibited? That there was a law so you would not have to face them? It just seems that the things of the World are SO attractive! Why has God allowed these things to be?

You might find the answer if you could tell why that our parents in the garden were forbidden to eat of the fruit of only one tree. You will also find the answer in Judges 2:21, 22. The tree was to prove or try our parents. The nations were left in the land to prove or try Israel to see whether they would keep the way of the Lord to walk therein.

We do not think of a man as being morally upright unless he has stood up against opposition and won out. The tree that is strongest is the one which can stand in the open and take the storms that may come over the years.

God may have a very special place for you. He may have an important place for you to fill. But He must test and try you to see whether you are worthy or not. I am speaking relatively, for He knows before what is in your heart and what you will do. But you make the choice and if you overcome, you are that much stronger and able to take a position of responsibility. Your attitude toward these things reveals just what you are.

Your parents, your school, and your Bible will instruct you as to what is right. It is up to you to have the backbone to stand up and assert yourself. Are you afraid to say NO when temptation comes your way? Any sissy can follow the crowd.

"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ" why should these things even tempt you? "If ye be risen with Christ" you should be seeking the things which are above and not earthly pleasures and enjoyment. Set your affections in the right place, on things above, and you will be dead to the things of the world. Try it.

Sincerely in HIM, Oscar M. Baker.

- THE EDITOR'S DESK -

TRUTH FOR TODAY is published monthly as time permits. Friends of the Word furnish the money and we do the work (WE being Mrs. Baker and myself). The paper is free. If you want it, just give us your name and address. Also send us names and addresses of your neighbors and friends who might be interested in it.

VISITORS: For a 3 day visit we had with us Mrs. R. Symonds and daughter Dorothy of Ruislip, Middlesex, Eng. They came with Mr. & Mrs. George Bonser and daughter Kathleen Ann of Willowdale, Ont. Mr. Floyd Wilson of Chatsworth, Ill. dropped in for a little visit one day. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Smith of Joliet, Ill. spent several hours with us one afternoon.

THE WORLD says "Be careful," but **THE WORD** says "Be careful for nothing."

A FINANCIAL REPORT was sent out recently to those who have been financing TFT. If you have at any time given anything and did not get a report, let us know. We may have made some mistakes in the records.

GREAT LOSS of time and money is incurred each month because folks fail to notify us of change of address. Please!

DELAYED IN about everything. Just got hay cut about 3 weeks late. Unable to get help. Incurred quite a loss in the quantity and quality. Of course TFT gets delayed too when such things happen.

SUMMER is about over and some who were planning to come to see us have not arrived yet. Looking for you.

TAPE RECORDINGS: specify speed, whether 7.5 or 3.75 ips. Also if single or double track. These are free. Hope to be able to get one out each month now.

BABIES: 3 calves have come. One nice Brown Swiss heifer died for us. Sold one calf for veal. Another little heifer is getting over a bad case of foot rot. We have our bad luck too.

WEEKLY BIBLE CLASS now holds its meetings at our home each Tue. nite at 7:30. You are welcome.

OLD COPIES of TFT available back to #39. They are free. Just send a card.

THE ADDRESSOGRAPH finally came July 7th. It is a wonderful help. Thanks!

- BOOK NEWS -

COMPANION BIBLES: in buckram, \$13.50. In leather, \$24.

NEW BOOKS by C.H. Welch; Life Thru His Name \$2.25. Ecclesiastes 60¢. Job 45¢. The Dispensational Frontier, 8¢, 12 for 60¢, 25 for 90¢, 50 for \$1.50.

E. W. BULLINGER: Number in Scripture \$5. The Apocalypse \$2.50. The Giver and His Gifts \$2.65. The Two Natures in the Child of God 40¢.

HELPS FOR STUDY: Young's Concordance (imported) \$13. LXX with English Translation \$6.50. Englishman's Greek Concordance (Bagster) \$8.50. Englishman's Heb. and Chaldee Concordance (Bagster thin paper 1 vol. edition) \$17.50. Pocket Interlinear N T (Bagster) \$4.25. Thy Testimonies Vol. 1, \$2.

USED BOOKS: 2 Vol. set of Life and Epistles of St. Paul by Conybeare and Howson (large size in beautiful full leather) \$12.75. Weymouth N T \$2. Englishman's Greek Concordance (good condition) \$7. Send for list of various titles by Sir Robert Anderson.

J. EUSTACE MILLS: All Truth 75¢. N T Ministries 75¢. His Workmanship 50¢. Stock is getting low on these.

PRICES include postage if remittance accompanies your order.

BEREAN PUBLICATIONS: a large stock on hand. Send for catalog and price list, if you do not have them.

WANTED: Nos. 1, 2, and 19 of **THE BABBLER**.

Sec. 562 P.L. & R.

TRUTH FOR TODAY
R 2, WARSAW, IND.
U. S. A.

FORM 3547 REQUESTED.