

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

“THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOR EVER”

SCRIPTURE READING:

“⁷The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. ⁸The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:7-8).

INTRODUCTION:

A. As recorded by the Prophet Isaiah in verses 7-8, “the grass withereth and the flower fadeth,” is used to illustrate that our flesh is like grass and a flower – short lived – here today and gone tomorrow.

1. James uses this illustration to teach the folly of trusting in material possessions.
 - “¹⁰ But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. ¹¹ For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways” (James 1:10-11).
2. Paul used this illustration to teach the passing nature of everything related to humanity.
 - “²⁴ For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵ But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you” (1 Pet 1:24-25).
 - a. According to Peter, everything in our earthly life – possessions, accomplishments, and people – will eventually fade away and disappear.
 - b. However, the Word of God will stand forever. Trust God at His Word – Be Rooted in the Truth.
 - “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb 13:8).

B. “God’s Word will stand forever whatever humans throw at it. What God has spoken will come true.” – Anonymous

C. The Abiding Word of God

The Bible perseveres throughout the course of history. Everything else comes and goes. People, cultures, and nations are like grass and flowers—slowly dying and eventually withering away; but God’s Word abides forever.

During the persecution of Peter’s day, the Roman Empire used many tortures as a way to encourage Christians to put down their Bibles: tongue pinchers, whipping post, stakes, and the hang man’s noose—just to name a few. Some Christians were burned, others boiled, many beheaded. As early as AD 300, official decrees were sent out by the Roman government that said every Bible was now outlawed, all copies were to be burned and destroyed, and any Christian caught with one would be executed. And now, they and their decrees are gone and we are still reading God’s Word! - (Dave Delaney – Ministry 127)

I. THE ENDURING NATURE OF GOD'S WORD

- “**Stand**” means to endure, establish, confirm, certainty

A. God's Word is a Foundation

It provides truth, guidance and is a reliable source for faith and understanding.

1. Source of Truth

It teaches us about God and His attributes

a. God is our Creator

- “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them” (Gen 1:27).

- “Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created” (Gen 5:2).

b. God Created Heaven and Earth

- “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen 1:1).
- “Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth” (Ps 124:8).
- “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else” (Isa 45:18).

2. Attributes of God

- a. God is Eternal** – He has no beginning and His existence will never end (Ps 90:2).

- b. God is Immutable** – He will never change – Therefore, He is absolutely reliable and trustworthy (Ps 102:26-27; Mal 3:6).

- c. God is Omnipotent** – He is all-powerful and can do anything that pleases Him – His actions will not contradict His character (Jer 32:17, 27).

- d. God is Omnipresent** – God is present everywhere – However, He is not in everything (Ps 139:7-13).

- e. God is Omniscient** – He knows the past, present and future – He knows what we are thinking at any time. God is never surprised by any action – He knows it will happen before it happens (Ps 139:1-5).

B. God's Word Provides Guidance and Life

1. God's Word Directs our Steps

- “Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me” (Ps 119:133).

We are to live according to God's Word which will deliver us from the power of sin.

2. God's Word Illuminates Our Path

- "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps 119:105).

The Word of God guides negatively by forbidding sinful behavior patterns. It also guides positively by showing the right way. The Word of God is the light to show us the way ahead so we will not walk in sin. The light will guide you, assure you, encourage you and comfort you.

3. God's Word Makes us Wise

- "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:30).

Reading and meditating on the Word of God will give us understanding and increase our wisdom. The Word of God gives understanding to those who acknowledge themselves to be simple and in need of help.

C. God's Word Provides Instruction in Righteousness

- "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16).
- 1. The Word of God Teaches Doctrines – "What is Right"**
- 2. The Word of God Teaches Reproof – "What is Not Right"**
- 3. The Word of God Teaches Correction – "How to Get Right"**
- 4. The Word of God Teaches Instruction in Righteousness – "How to Stay Right"**

The Word of God helps us to understand what is right and wrong and encourages us to live a life that reflect God's character.

- ❖ The truths about God, His attributes, and guidance are forever. God is unchanging in all His ways and works.
- ❖ In the parable of the wise and foolish builders or the two foundations (Matt 7:24-27), the "wise man" who builds his house on the rock illustrates how a life built on God's Word can withstand challenges. We are to make God's Word the foundation of our lives.

D. My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

II. GOD'S WORD IS FAITHFUL

- "Faithful" means loyal, true to one's word, confidence, reliable
- **God is faithful to the promises He has made in His Word.**

A. God Promised us a Savior

- “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isa 7:14).

Promise Fulfilled

- “²² Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, ²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us” (Matt 1:22-23).

B. God Promised us Eternal Life

- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).
- “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life” (John 6:47).
- “³⁰ And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹ And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. ³² And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house” (Acts 16:30-32).
- “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom 10:13).

C. God Promised us Resurrected (Spiritual) Bodies as a Fundamental Aspect of the Faith (1 Cor 15:42-44).

- “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away” (Rev 21:4).
- Our spiritual bodies will not be weak, will never get sick, and will never die.

D. God Promised us a New Home – Heaven (John 14:1-3)

New Home by the Barrett Sisters

I got a new home over in glory and it is mine, mine oh mine
I got a new home over in glory and it is mine, mine oh mine
When we all get to heaven What a day of rejoicing that will be
When we all see Jesus We will sing and shout the victory
I got a new home, over in glory And it is mine mine.

III. **LIVING IN LIGHT OF GOD'S EVERLASTING WORD** (Titus 2:11-15)

God's everlasting Word about Grace teaches us how to live – **What to avoid and What to Do.**

The Principles of Grace

A. The Grace of God teaches us how to live – A Life of Separation – (What to Avoid) (v. 12a)

1. To deny “ungodliness” – anything that does not glorify God; anything that is not of God – not holy, righteous, and pure.
 - “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (1 Cor 10:31).
2. To avoid “worldly lusts” – the desires and selfish pleasures of this world, the very things, or activities that we would not want God to see.
 - “Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4).
 - “Touch not the unclean things” (2 Cor 6:17).

B. The Grace of God teaches the positive side of Christian living (What to Do) – v. 12b

1. Grace teaches us to live “soberly” – with self-control, sound mind, morality, a disciplined life – character (who you are when you are alone; no one is looking).
2. Grace teaches us to live “righteously” – upright towards our fellowman, doing what's right towards others, treating others with respect, and doing good for them.
 - Our relationship with others (Rom 12:17-21)
3. Grace teaches us to live “Godly” – our relationship with God, all we should do to please Him - strive to please God in all your words, thoughts, and deeds.
 - Beware – God is aware of all we do, think, or say. Therefore, live to please Him

“¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him (Col 3:15-17).
 - As a Christian, you represent Christ at all times – wherever you go, whatever you say. What impression do people have of Christ when they see or talk with you?

MEMORY VERSE:

“Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it” (Ps 119:140).

CONCLUSION:

A. Truth – means truth to fact, reality, rightly, certainty, beyond a doubt

○ **The Bible is:**

1. **Inerrant** – without error
2. **Infallible** – completely trustworthy
3. **Indestructible** – It will never be destroyed
4. **Complete** – Do not Add To nor Diminish the Word of God

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B. “The Bible. Know it in your head. Stow it in your heart. Show it in your life. Sow it in the world” – (J. Vernon McGee).

C. On the cover of your Bible and my Bible appear the words "Holy Bible."

Do you know why the Bible is called holy? Why should it be called holy when so much lust and hate and greed and war are found in it? I can tell you why. It is because the Bible tells the truth. It tells the truth about God, about man, and about the devil. The Bible teaches that we exchange the truth of God for the devil's lie about sex, for example; and drugs, and alcohol, and religious hypocrisy. Jesus Christ is the ultimate truth. Furthermore, He told the truth. Jesus said that He was the truth, and the truth would make us free. - Billy Graham

D. ABC's of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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