

# On the wall

of the philosophy department at the University of Southern California today are the words "Truth Shall Make You Free." Sadly, many people don't know who said those words and even fewer know of the true freedom of which Jesus spoke (John 8:32).

For the Christian who abides in Jesus' Word (John 8:31), the truth has set him free. Having believed the gospel, he has been set free from both the penalty (John 5:24) and the power of sin (John 8:34). This is what Jesus was primarily referring to when He spoke those words. However, many Christians are still in some ways hindered in their Christian walks in one way or another by lies. Lies are Satan's primary weapon. We see that in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-5) and in his conversation with Jesus in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). Satan we're told is "the father of lies" (John 8:44).

The Bible tells us that God hates lies (Proverbs 6:16-19) and it's easy to understand why. Lies ensnare, mislead and hinder people from walking in the fulness of life that Jesus came to give (John 10:10). Lies rob people of the joy of knowing and serving God and so on. Thankfully God has given us something that stops lies dead in their tracks:

## TRUTH.

Whenever Jesus was presented with a lie He countered it with the truth of God's Word. Jesus said that God's Word is truth (John 17:17). The Psalmist said that God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psalm 119:105). One of the reasons God gave humanity the Bible was for the purpose of clearing away the lies, the misconceptions and the confusion about who He is and what His will is for our lives.

Knowing (John 8:32), believing (1 John 5:10, Romans 15:13) and acting (James 1:22) upon God's truth is the key to staying free from Satan's snares, and thus enabled to move forward in your faith (3 John 4), enjoying God, bearing fruit (John 15:8) and living life as God designed it to be lived.

Contained in this tri-fold are, in my opinion, twenty five of the most important and precious truths in the Scriptures. As you familiarize yourself with them, it is my prayer that you will experience in an ever-increasing way the wonderful joy of walking in the truth and of being a follower of Jesus (3 John 4, 1 Peter 1:8).

Grace and peace to you my friend,

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### 1. God is good.

**Psalm 136:1**

"Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good."

### 2. God loves me and His love towards me does not change based on my day-to-day performance.

**Romans 5:8**

"But God demonstrates His own *love* toward us, in that while we were still *sinners*, Christ died for us."

**Psalm 118:1**

"His lovingkindness is *everlasting*."

*The Bible says in Romans 5:1 that you, as a believer, have been "justified." To be justified means to be declared righteous by God. Being clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God accepts you as if you had never sinned. You stand before God in the righteousness of Christ Himself (2 Cor. 5:21)! In terms of your position before God, you are as righteous as you can ever possibly be (Heb. 10:14). It's your position "in Christ" that gives you complete acceptance before God, not your daily performance.*

### 3. I am accepted in Christ.

**Ephesians 1:6**

"He has made us accepted in the Beloved."

### 4. God has plans for my life.

**Jeremiah 29:11**

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." (See also Eph. 2:10)

### 5. I am uniquely created by God to glorify Him and to be a channel of blessing to others.

**Psalm 139:14-16a**

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed."

**1 Peter 4:10**

"As *each one* has received a gift, *minister it* to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

### 6. God is all that I need.

**Psalm 23:1**

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

**Matthew 6:31-34a**

"Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things..." -JESUS (See also 2 Corinthians 12:9)

### 7. God doesn't make any mistakes and is utterly trustworthy and faithful.

**Psalm 18:30**

"As for God, His way is *perfect*; the word of the LORD is proven" (See also Ezek. 12:28)

**Joshua 23:14**

"Now behold, today I am going the way of all the earth, and you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one word of all the good words which the LORD your God spoke concerning you has failed; all have been fulfilled for you, not one of them has failed." -Joshua

### 8. God is causing all the things that happen in my life to work together for good.

**Romans 8:28**

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

**Genesis 50:20**

"But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." -Joseph

### 9. God's Word and Spirit are sufficient to teach me and lead me into a life that will please Him.

**2 Peter 1:3-4**

"His divine power has given to us *all things that pertain to life and godliness*, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises"

### 10. God's will for my life has been made known in His Word.

**Ephesians 5:17**

"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

*It is God's will that I be...*

1. **Saved** (1 Tim. 2:3-4)

2. **Sharing** the Gospel (Mk. 16:15)

3. **Studying** His Word (2 Tim. 2:15)

4. **Spirit-Controlled** (Eph. 5:17-18)

5. **Sacrificial** with Self (Rom. 12:1-2)

6. **Sanctified** (1 Thess. 4:3)

7. **Submissive** (1 Ptr. 2:13-15)

8. **Willing to Suffer** for

His Cause (1 Ptr. 3:17)

9. **Satisfied** (1 Thess. 5:16-19)

### 11. God will enable me to do everything that He calls me to do.

**Philippians 4:13**

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (See also 2 Cor. 9:8)

### 12. The blood of Christ is, and always will be sufficient to cleanse me of all my sins.

**1 John 1:7b, 9**

"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son *cleanses* us from *all* sin...If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from *all* unrighteousness."

### 13. I do not have to be plagued by my past.

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

"And such [see v. 9-10] were some of you. But you were *washed*, but you were *sanctified*, but you were *justified* in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

**Philippians 3:13b-14**

"One thing I do, *forgetting* those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (See also Rom. 8:1, 2 Cor. 5:17 Heb. 10:17)

**14. I can be content and thankful in whatever circumstances I am in.**

**Hebrews 13:5**

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; *be content* with such things as you have"

**Philippians 4:11**

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, *to be content*"

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, *in everything* give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

**15. God is working in my life.**

**Philippians 1:6** The Apostle Paul said that he was... "confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will *complete* [*perfect*] NASB] it until the day of Jesus Christ."

**Philippians 2:12-13**

"for it is God who works *in you* both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

**16. God has given me the ability to love my enemies and to forgive them.**

**Matthew 5:43-44**

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, *love* your enemies, *bless* those who curse you, *do good* to those who hate you, and *pray* for those who spitefully use you and persecute you"

**Matthew 6:12**

"And forgive us our debts, as *we forgive* our debtors."

**17. God has invited me to freely and confidently approach Him 24 hours a day.**

**James 4:8a**

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

**Hebrews 4:16**

"Let us therefore come *boldly* to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Eph. 2:18, 3:12)

**18. I am kept by the power of God and the evil one cannot touch me.**

**1 Peter 1:5** says I am...

"kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

**1 John 5:18b**

"He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him..." (See also Jn. 10:28, 2 Thess. 3:3)

**19. Sin will add to my sorrow, subtract from my joy, multiply my problems, hinder my prayers, and obscure fellowship with Jesus.**

**Proverbs 22:8a**

"He who sows iniquity *will* reap sorrow."

**Psalms 118:15a**

"The voice of *rejoicing* and salvation is in the tents of the righteous."

**Proverbs 11:27**

"He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, but *trouble* will come to him who seeks evil." (See 1 Ptr. 3:7, 1 Jn. 1:7)

**20. Persecution, trials and affliction are part of God's good plan for my life & ministry.**

**Matthew 5:11-12**

"*Blessed* are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**Romans 5:3-4**

"And not only that, but we also *glory* in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope."

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

"[God] comforts us in all our tribulation, *that we may be able* to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."

**21. God always has the best for me.**

**Psalms 84:11**

"No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly." (See Romans 8:32, Psalm 34:10)

**22. God is big enough for all of my problems and there is never reason to fear.**

**Psalms 33:6a**

"By the word of the LORD *the heavens* were made,"

(The Sun is 866,000 miles wide and can hold 1,306,000 planet Earths!

The star "VY Canis Majoris" has an estimated diameter of more than one billion miles!)

**Hebrews 13:6a**

"We may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear."

**23. God will never leave me or forsake me.**

**Hebrews 13:5b**

"For He Himself has said, 'I will *never* leave you nor forsake you.'"

**Matthew 28:20b**

I am with you *always*, even to the end of the age."

**24. Jesus is coming back to rule and reign.**

**John 14:3**

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, *I will come again* and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

**25. I will live forever with God and His people.**

**John 11:25-26**

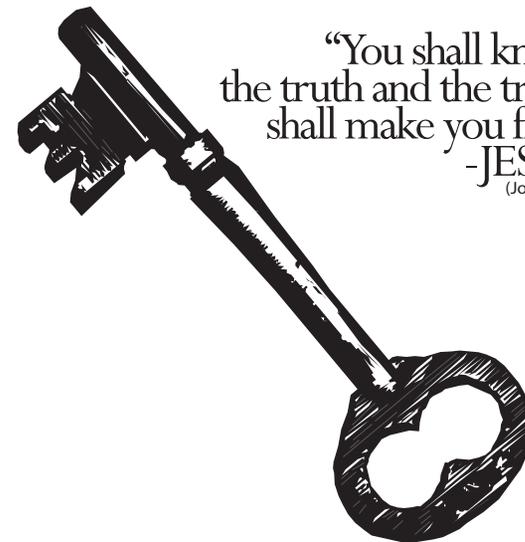
"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he *shall live*. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall *never* die. Do you believe this?"

**Revelation 21:3b-4**

"God Himself shall be among them, and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

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# TRUTHS THAT MAKE THE CHRISTIAN FREE



"You shall know  
the truth and the truth  
shall make you free."  
-JESUS  
(John 8:32)

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