

Wednesday Bible Study – September 10, 2014
"A Trustworthy Title" – (Revelation 3:14)

Quotable Quotes:

TO BE ALIVE DOESN'T MEAN THAT A PERSON KNOWS WHAT LIFE IS ALL ABOUT.

LIVING IT UP IS NOT LIVING.

PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO LIVE WITHOUT FINDING LIFE! WE DON'T FIND LIFE IN PEOPLE, EVENTS, CIRCUMSTANCES OR MATERIAL PROSPERITY.

TRYING TO LIVE OFF OF THE DISCOVERED LIFE OF ANOTHER PERSON WILL NEVER WORK. YOU MUST FIND LIFE FOR YOUR LIFE. DON'T TRY TO LIVE OFF OF ANOTHER'S DISCOVERY OF LIFE.

A PERSON CAN BE BLESSED BY ASSOCIATION WITH A PERSON WHO HAS MADE THE DISCOVERY OF LIFE BUT IT IS FAR BETTER TO DISCOVER LIFE FOR ONE'S SELF.

WHEN A PERSON REALLY DISCOVERS LIFE, THEN THE PERSONALITY OF THAT PERSON CHANGES. THE MEANING OF LIFE CAN ONLY BE DISCOVERED INSIDE THE SYSTEM OF LOVE.

THERE MUST BE THE LOSS OF IDENTITY WITH THE COSMIC SYSTEM AND A GAINING OF IDENTITY WITH THE LOVE SYSTEM.

Do we align ourselves with the Bible, or try to align the Bible with ourselves?

The more accurate the interpretation – the more appropriate the application.

Erroneous interpretation can lead to abnormal application.

The words that afflict the comfortable also provide comfort for the Afflicted.

Sermon-sippers and seminar-sitters, who flit from one doctrinal dessert to another, deceive themselves.

Revelation 3:14

The last part of this verse is a long sentence; it is a description of the character of the Lord Jesus Christ:

"And to the messenger of the Church in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the chief ruler of the creation of God." ([Literal Translation with Greek](#))

GRAPSO (AAImp 2nd p.s. of *GRAPHO*) – This is a command to give this message to the church at Laodicea, followed by a lengthy description, in a long title for our Lord.

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A TRUSTWORTHY TITLE

AMEN – ὁ ἀμήν

FAITHFUL WITNESS

ὁ μάρτυς – (a martyr who is a witness)

TRUTH – ὁ πιστὸς καὶ ἀληθινός – ho pistos (the faith and true); combined, *a faithful Witness*.

CHIEF-RULER – ἡ ἀρχη

THE CREATION OF GOD – τῆς κτίσεως τοῦ θεοῦ

This *does not* mean that Christ was created by God. [John 1:3](#) and [Colossians 1:16](#) tell us this.

TRUTH – "AMEN" – Revelation 3:14

- I. Amen ἀμήν = To be firm, stable, sure, established, and trustworthy. The word was used to acknowledge and emphasize what was valid, sure and true, or important and significant. It is used in the OT as a liturgical formula in which a congregation or individual accepts both the validity of an oath or curse and its consequences ([Nehemiah 5:13](#)). "*Truly, Truly, I say...*" is used by John in the Gospel at least 25 times. Referring to Jesus Christ, it points to Him as the finality and certainty of all things. With HIM no one needs substitutes; no subtractions or additions are needed. The "*Faithful and True Witness*" defines the word "AMEN" ([John 17:17](#)) "*Sanctify them in the Truth; Your word is truth.*" When the word is used at the beginning of the sentence it is translated "*Verily*"; when at the end of the sentence, it's translated "*so be it.*" God said it, and that settles it. He guarantees it, thus it cannot be changed. AFFIRMATION OF CHRIST – Note another Affirmation: God told Abraham, "*...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed*" ([Genesis 12:3](#)). God promised David a throne, upon which His sons would reign – He promised Israel a kingdom. Consider the Affirmation of the Apostle Paul ([2 Corinthians 1:20](#)): "*For all the promises of God in Him [Jesus Christ] are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*"

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- II. Jesus is the origin, the cause, and the Creator of all things –The word is arche ἀρχή = meaning:
- First in time or
 - First in place, cause, or origin.

This means that Jesus Christ is the origin, the cause, and Creator of all things. The earth is now fallen under the curse of sin, through rebellion to Him. He is also the Creator of the coming kingdom, and of the eternal state – a new heavens and earth, in which dwells perfect righteousness. [In John 1:3](#) we see "*All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made.*" And, in [Colossians 1:16](#) we see "*...all things were created by Him, and for Him.*" He is responsible for everything.

TRUTH

- Greek words for Truth in the New Testament – logos, didache, didaskalia, and aletheia
- Hebrew words for Truth in the Old Testament – Chakma, Emet, Shamooah, Moosarr
- The last word that Jesus spoke when dying was the word *Truth* in [Psalm 31:5](#) which is quoted in [Luke 23:46](#). "Into your hands I deposit my spirit for you have delivered me, O Jehovah, God of TRUTH."
- Bible believers like David spoke the truth in [Psalm 38:2](#) "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness for thy TRUTH for thou hast magnified THY WORD above thy reputation."
- Truth was in existence before the human race according to [Proverbs 8](#), but not in condensed writing.
- Our attitude toward Truth determines whether we will be blessed or cursed (disciplined). [Proverbs 8:33-36](#) "Hear instruction, and be wise, DO NOT REJECT IT".
- Truth is the reason for the distribution of Echo Zone ([Isaiah 53:12](#)) and Grace Abounding blessings in time and Heaven's Grace Blessings in Eternity ([Hebrews 11:9,10; 11:13; James 1:25; 2:12,13](#)).
- Truth in the Believer's Soul becomes more real than empirical knowledge ([2 Peter 1:12-21](#)). (Read)
- When a nation fails to abide by the Truth of God's Word, then that nation is on the road to disaster ([Hosea 4:1-6](#)) "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*"
- Truth makes it possible for the believer to live with an enlarged capacity for life.
- The Pastor is responsible to see to it that the congregation receives the mind of Jesus Christ by faithful dissemination of God's Word ([I Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 5:18; 2 Peter 3:18](#)).

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XII. Truth brings many results:

- (1) Confidence – [Job 5:24; 2 Corinthians 5:6, 8](#)
- (2) Vertical viewpoint – [Isaiah 55:7, 8; II Corinthians 10:5](#)
- (3) Understanding God's Will – [Isaiah 26:3, 4; Romans 8:28](#)
- (4) Stability of mind – [James 1:8](#)
- (5) Great Happiness – [Philippians 3:10; Ephesians 3:10; Hebrews 12:2, 3, 7](#)

Look again at Revelation 3:14 – *"And to the messenger of the Church in Laodicea write: These things says the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the chief ruler of the creation of God."*