

Thank you, again...Luis Cantun
Speaker for today

“Pay Careful Attention to Every Word...”.

Jim Burruss

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15

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A Single word A Single Verse

By Dan Jenkins

The forceful power of a small word in a single verse in the Bible can so easily be overlooked. The key to understanding the signs of the end in Matthew 24 is found in the word “all” in verse thirty-four. The time of the establishment of the kingdom is found in Daniel 7:13-14 when one notices the word “to” instead of the word “from.” Let’s take a moment and look at the word “all” and its importance in understanding the work of Christ in our lives.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven He said, “*All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and on the earth*” (Matthew 2:18). The word “all” in this verse has been overlooked by so many. Pilate thought that the authority he had from Rome meant that he could release Jesus or crucify Him. The King of kings told the governor that he had no power except that which heaven had given him (John 19:1. If mighty kings have no power, then how does any mortal think he has power and authority over the One who has all authority?

Yet, in the religious world so many have ignored His authority. Jesus does not have all authority in a system which places the authority of the Vatican over the teachings of Jesus. The same is true of other religions in America. Modern Christendom is being torn asunder as church hierarchy deals with homosexuality and transgenders and their place in modern churches. The reality is that He who has all authority is the only One to decide these matters— He has all authority. The entire basis of true Christianity is found in realizing that truth is not decided by hierarchy, learned scholars,

gifted speakers or by anyone whose heart says, “I know that this is what the Bible teaches, but I have decided to ignore that and follow what I want to do.” We have robbed Jesus of the authority that is His!

Being a faithful Christian involves realizing that He has all the authority in our lives. The words of King Agrippa show this when he said, “*You almost persuade me to be a Christian*” (Acts 26:28). Almost is not enough, it will have no bearing on the final day of judgment for one to almost have served Him. Look at Paul’s response in which I have purposely changed the spelling of two words. The apostle said, “*I would to God that ...you...might become both **almost** and **altogether** such as I am.*” Almost being a Christian is not enough. He who has all authority says that it is ALLmost and ALLtogether.

There is no place for churches or individuals thinking they will please God by recognizing **some** of the authority of Jesus. There is no place for churches or individuals thinking they will please God by recognizing **most** of the authority of Jesus. His last words before He left the earth affirmed **He has all authority. God help us all to honor that authority!**

When is the Truth, the Truth?

By Bill Brandstatter

Some investigations are going on about classified documents. One investigation concerns former President Donald Trump. The other one concerns current President Joe Biden. Both claim they did nothing wrong; however, others are claiming they did. What is the truth?

The truth is what is known. Jesus stated, “*You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” (John 8:32) Every person can know that saving truth the same way. There can be no doubt about it. We have it in writing. God desires that all men be saved and

come to knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:4). In our world of relative morality, we can know for certainty that there is a standard that is reliable. We must use the right authoritative standard in determining what is known.

The truth is what is proclaimed. Often, we don’t want to hear the truth. When Felix heard the truth from Paul, he trembled. Later Paul wrote, “*Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?*” (Galatians 4:16) Paul was just a messenger. Today we need to proclaim the truth in love. (Ephesians 4:15) We need to love God and love our fellow man enough for the message of truth to reach their hearts.

The truth is what is written. This follows the other two points quite well. This is a well-known fact. “Put it in writing” is often a statement made to ensure security. When we buy anything, it is always good to put it in writing. I still request this today when I get a call of solicitation. God wanted His Word written down. Paul assures us of the veracity of that which was written before in Romans 15:4. God had the Old Testament written for “our admonition.” (1 Corinthians 10:11) Peter assured his listeners that what was written by the prophets was truthful and was being fulfilled. (Acts 3:24) Jesus mentioned that the prophecies written about Him were being fulfilled. In Luke 24:44 our Lord stated, “*All things must be fulfilled that were written in the Law of Moses, and the Prophets, and the Psalm concerning me.*” (NKJV). The written truth must be looked at and used correctly. Paul told Timothy the truth must be divided correctly. (2 Timothy 3:15) Often today the truth on any matter may be shaded to fit a particular platform or agenda. Could that happen with the Bible as well?

We can know the truth about our salvation and what God’s will for us is today. We need not trust any source other than the word of God. God wants us to know it. We don’t need to doubt it. It can save us and put us in eternity with Him. Jesus said “*Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth.*” (John 17:17 NKJV)