

## Two Most Misunderstood Words.

By Curtis Pugh

Two of the most misunderstood words in the Bible are “all” and “world.” These two little words affect the belief systems of all professing Christians. “All” is used in the Bible to mean two different things. It can mean all without exception: i.e. every single one. And it can be used to mean all without distinction: a number out of all sorts of things.

It is easy to prove this. The Bible says, “For the love of money is the root of all evil...” (1 Timothy 6:10). Nobody believes that. Hatred and jealousy can each be roots of evil. The love of power can be a root of evil, etc. The meaning of this statement is this: the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. The love of money motivates people to commit all sorts of evil acts. What the word “all” means is determined by the context in which it is used. For instance, the context of “Romans 3:23 demand that we understand the phrase, “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” means all people without exception.

The word “world” is also used in different ways in the Bible and is confusing to many. In only one verse it is used in three different ways. John 1:10 says: “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.” The meaning is this: Christ was in the habitable part of the earth (“the world”) and all things (“the world”) was made by Him and most people (“the world”) knew Him not (but some people did know Him because v. 12 tells us that some recognized Him and welcomed Him). The last use of “the world” in that verse means all those who would not be saved: the non-elect people then in Israel. It cannot mean all humanity.

Sometimes the word “world” refers to all the nations as opposed to just the Jewish Nation. For instance, “For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world,” (John 6:33) cannot mean every person that ever has lived or will live for not every descendant of Adam and Eve will be saved. He gives life to both Jews and Gentiles: a strange idea to the Jews to whom this statement was made. John 14:17 proves that the word “world” can refer to all the lost: “Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” And the favorite, John 3:16, “For God so loved the world...” means that God loved both Jews and Gentiles without distinction. The greater context of the Bible demands this because the Bible does not teach that God loves everyone. It is written: “...thou hatest all workers of iniquity,” and, “...the LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man,” (Psalm 5:5-6). Always remember: context determines meaning!



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## "Our Prayer List"

*"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17*

Sister Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family Juanita her daughter, Lana Paul, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Reich, Tyler Castle, Danny Mollette, Joshua Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ricky Henderson and Family, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Jerry Hughes, Shirly King - Son David - and family, Little Cam Works, Sister Ann McSwain, Brother Justin Bookout and family, Little Weslynn McClelland, Adrienne Lavina, Pastor Nathan Hille and Sister Cassie and his family, Baby Titus Massey, Shane and Brook Sims, Ricky Bennett, Nick, Madison, and Baby Emory Patty, Bill Gossett, and Russell York, Brother Medic, Sister Mhalyn Lavina and children.

## "Pray For Our Church Supported Mission Works"

*"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8*

Missionary Dan and Sunny Sullivan in Thailand, Elder Raul and the Printing work Romania, and the Berea Baptist Banner Mantachie, Ms.

## "A Message from Pastor Johnson"

*"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof..." 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:2*

***We fear no evil because God is with us.***

*Psalms 23:4 "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."*

This must be one of the most encouraging scriptures in the bible, "*though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death*". As God's children we need never fear because no matter what happens in this life, even through the path of death, God is with us. Our comfort must be the very fact that no matter what, God will never leave us alone. "...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5c When God makes us a promise it is made for our comfort and assurance. Moses wrote these words, "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them; for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." Deuteronomy 31:6 As Christians we must always be reminded of God's blessings to us, but more so in the fact that we never walk alone. We are God's children, elected to be His children before the world was created. God has a plan for us, and God will execute that plan during our earthly life. Our greatest blessing of God is that He chose us to be His children therefore we are the most blessed of God's creation. Jesus assured us in John 10:28 - 29 "*And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*" No matter what happens in this earthly life, God truly does have us protected in His hand and nothing happens without God allowing it. Paul wrote in Romans 8:38 - 39 "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." More encouraging words from God that we have nothing to fear. This is why God was so bold to point out we need to be of great courage because "we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." Rom. 8:37. Everything in this life is temporary and no matter what happens and the pains that come with it, they are short lived. When the Lord assured us that "...we are more than conquerors through him..." this means our gain in this life is a decisive victory, no matter what it is. We will never be defeated, just as Jesus was not defeated in death, but that moment was His most shining victory as it was ours. Jesus suffered the darkest moment at His death because He died all alone, "...My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46

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However, this is the moment we as Christians had our victory over Satan, this world, and death. This is why the Psalmist wrote, "...*though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil...*" What a true blessing because God has given us every blessing we could ever ask for. Yes, it is true, life hurts, the stings are there, but the victory is ours because Jesus suffered it all alone for you and me. Countless Christians suffer death as martyrs through history for the Lord, the church, and to preserve God's word of Truth, and not one of them walk to their death alone. Beloved, we have no reason to fear anyone or anything, because we are in God's hand of grace! While life has so many trials, persecution, and even death, Jesus Christ will carry us through them. "*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*" 1 Corinthians 15:57 Even though sometimes it may not look or seem like it, God has without question blessed us beyond what we could think or ask. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." 2 Corinthians 9:15 Therefore, as Christians we need not fear what road we travel in life and even in death, fear is not something the believer in Jesus Christ needs to have.

## Church Information and Happenings.

1. **Pastor Johnson** will be absent from the pulpit on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> He will be speaking at Northside Baptist Church in Oakdale, La. on that morning. Please pray for this Conference. Brother Justin Bookout will handle our service here.
2. **Happy Anniversary** to Brother Larry & Sister Martha Mollette Monday March 4<sup>th</sup>
3. **Happy Birthday** to Sister Alice Hoskins Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>
4. **The time change is Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>**, clocks spring up one hour.

### 2 Corinthians 9:11-15

*"Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."*