

# ***UNWORTHY YET WORTHY***

## ***PHIL 3: 13b***



**Saturday, September 18**

Berean Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC

# UNWORTHY - USELESS

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1.to be small, be insignificant

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2.to make small, reduce significantly

2. to make **useless**, render unserviceable

1.of character—good for nothing



# “Just One Thing”

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# SIN SEPARATES US FROM GOD

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But your wrongdoings  
have caused a separation  
between you and your  
God, And your sins have  
hidden *His* face from you  
so that He does not hear.

Isaiah 59:2



# **WE ARE BORN SPIRITUALLY DEAD**

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Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all mankind, because all sinned

Rms 5:12



# God's Word is Spiritually Discerned

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But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

1Cor 2:14





# The only way... The Redeeming Work of Christ on the Cross!

...So then, as through one offense the result was condemnation to all mankind, so also through one act of righteousness the result was justification of life to all mankind.

Rms

5:18

# The only way...

*I am **the way** and **the truth** and **the life**.*

*No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

**John 14:6**



# I am Redeemed!!

- **The Sin & Death Barrier** is removed by Redemption.
- **The Redeemed** have been set free from sin's penalty & control
- **The Redeemed** have been set free to "press on toward the goal to win the prize of God's heavenly calling in Christ Jesus."



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# Forgetting what lies behind

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- *Epilanthanomai*
- To put out of mind
- To be Hidden/Unaware of

**“Put it out of your mind and hide it behind the Cross”**



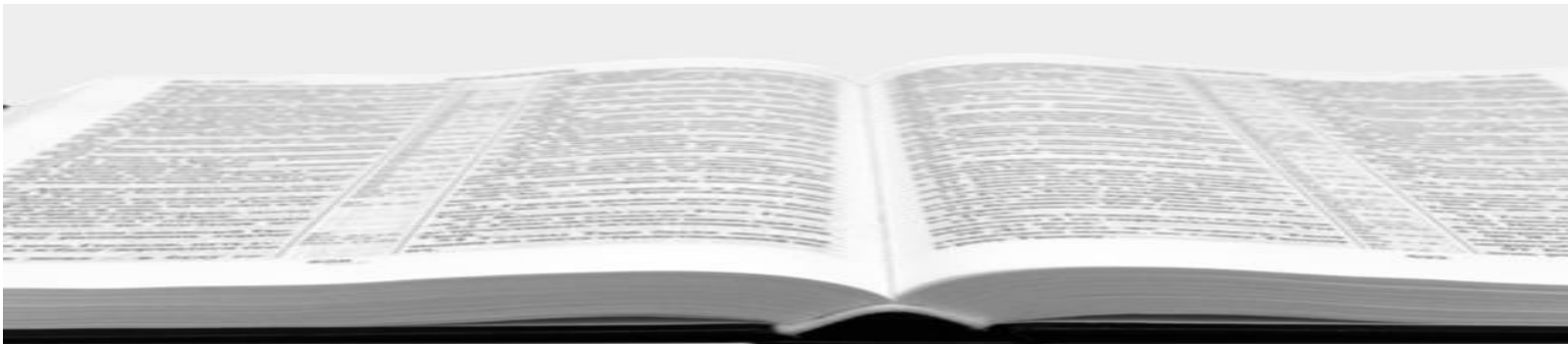
# Forgetting what lies behind

- Abuse
- Abandonment
- Addiction
- Abortion
- Adultery
- Bearing False Witness
- Bullying
- Criminal Acts
- Depression
- Disappointments
- Divorce(s)
- Grudges
- Gossip/Slander
- Loss of a loved one
- Lying
- Murder
- Pornography
- Proud/Haughty
- Sexual Immorality
- Sickness
- Violence



# STUGGLING WITH SHAME & REGRET

- Emotion-Driven vs **Word-Driven**—I don't feel forgiven
- World-Driven vs **Word Driven**—How do others see me
- Self-Driven vs **Word-Driven**—I need to forgive myself



## 5 Reasons to **VALUE** the **WORD** over the **WORLD**

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1. True happiness comes from God (Ps 1:1-2)
2. Warned against human wisdom. (Col 2:8)
3. Man's heart is deceptive (Jer. 17:9-10)
4. God's Word—You don't need a degree (Ps 119:130)
5. God's Word produces “mental soundness”



# God's Word produces inner-person soundness

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- Peace for one's mind (Phil 4:6-7)
- Strength to meet any situation/person (1 Cor 10:13)
- Contentment & Confidence (He 13:5-6; 1Jn 3:21)
- Freedom from guilt (1Jn 1:9)
- Guidance in relationships (1 Cor 15:33)

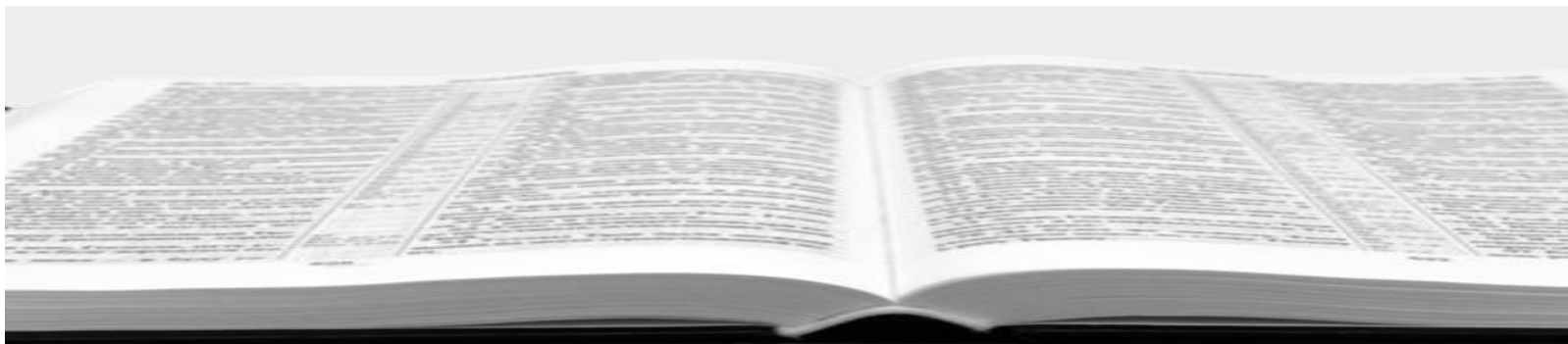
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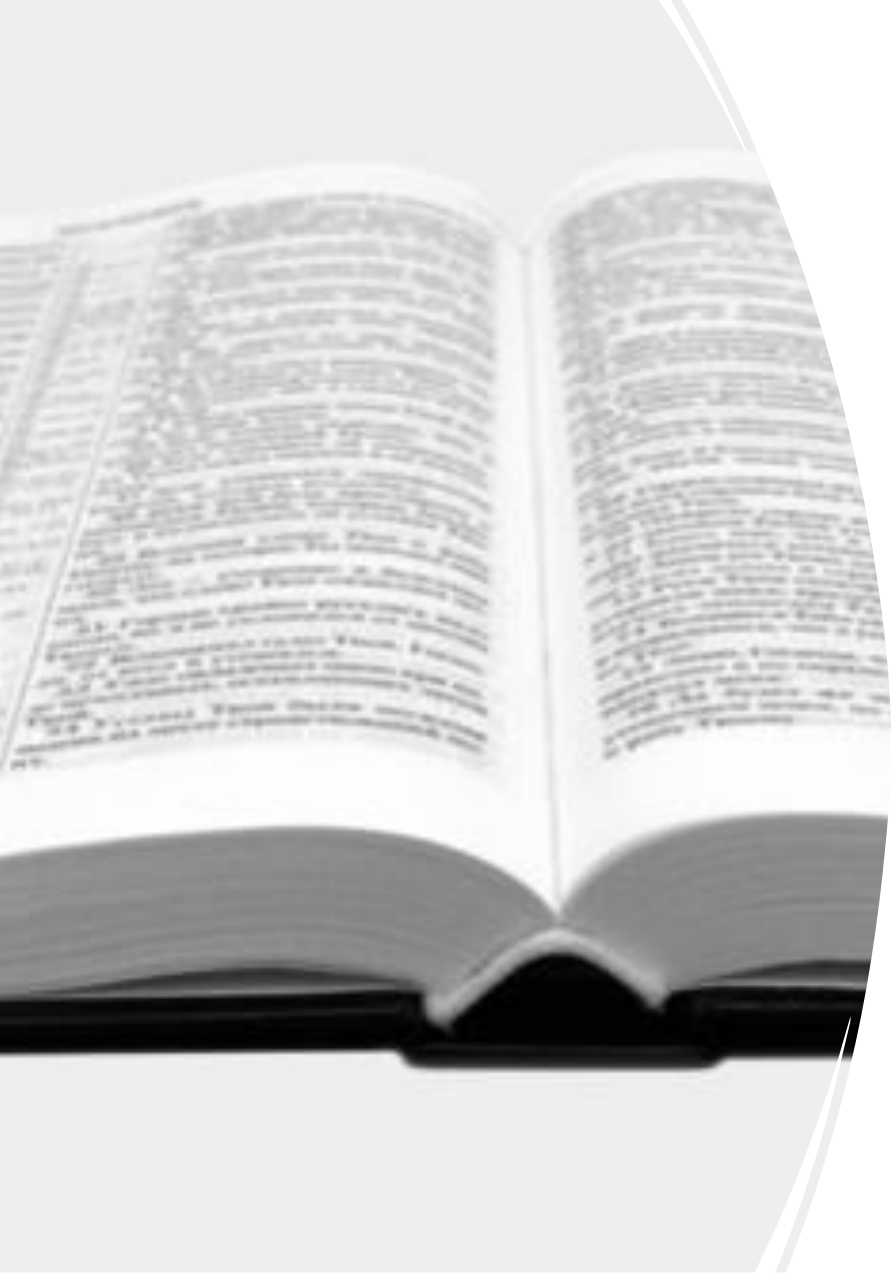
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- Hope (Rom 5:3-4)
- Ability to Love (Rom 5:5)
- Joy (James 1:2- 4)
- Fulfillment (John 10:10)

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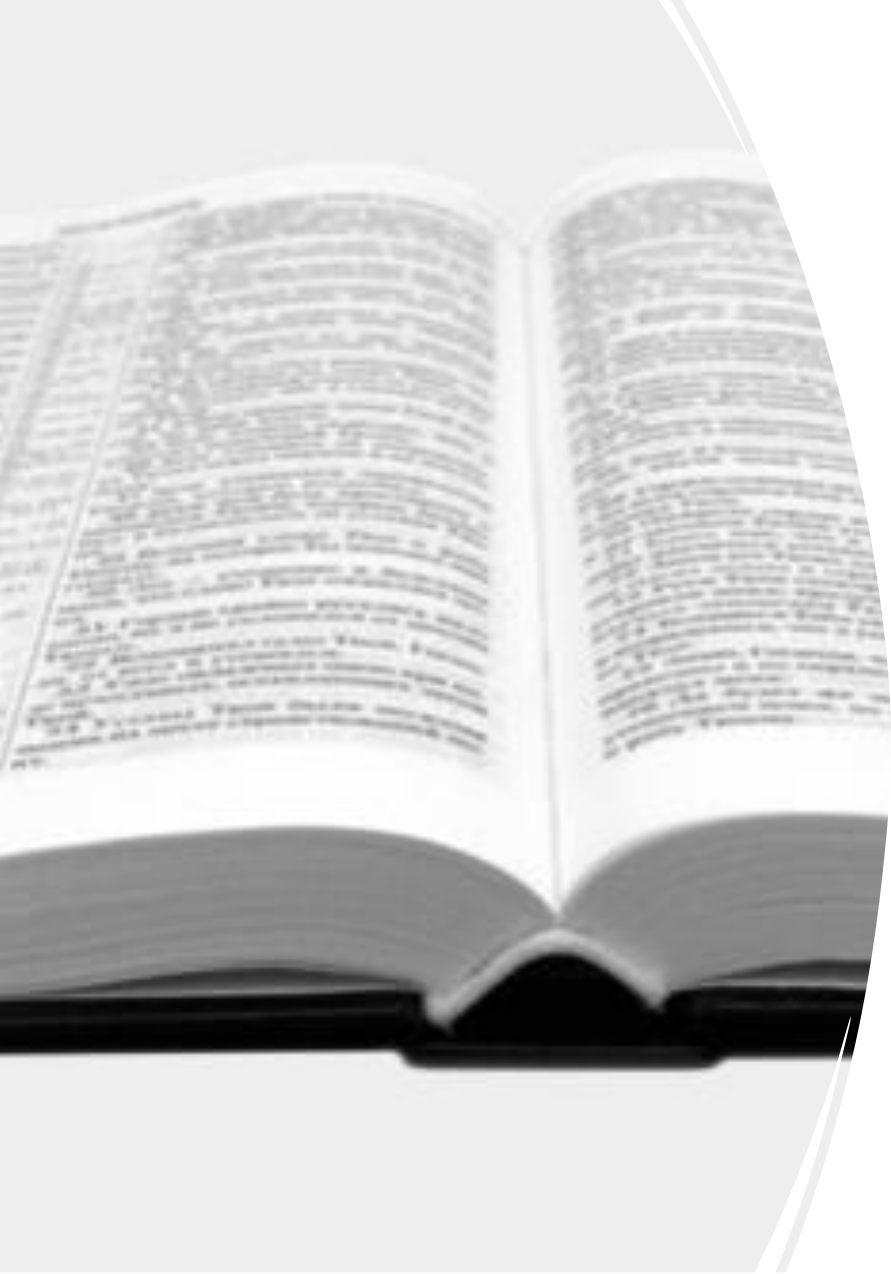


# BE WORD-DRIVEN

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- ‘...It is finished!’... Jn 19:30
- Therefore, there is **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Rms 8:1



# BE WORD-DRIVEN

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...having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having **nailed it to the cross.**

Col 2:1



Dead

Passive

FULL  
OF  
PRIDE

ASHAMED  
OF MY  
PAST

A Slave

lust

bitter

Alienated

Blind

Didn't care  
about sin

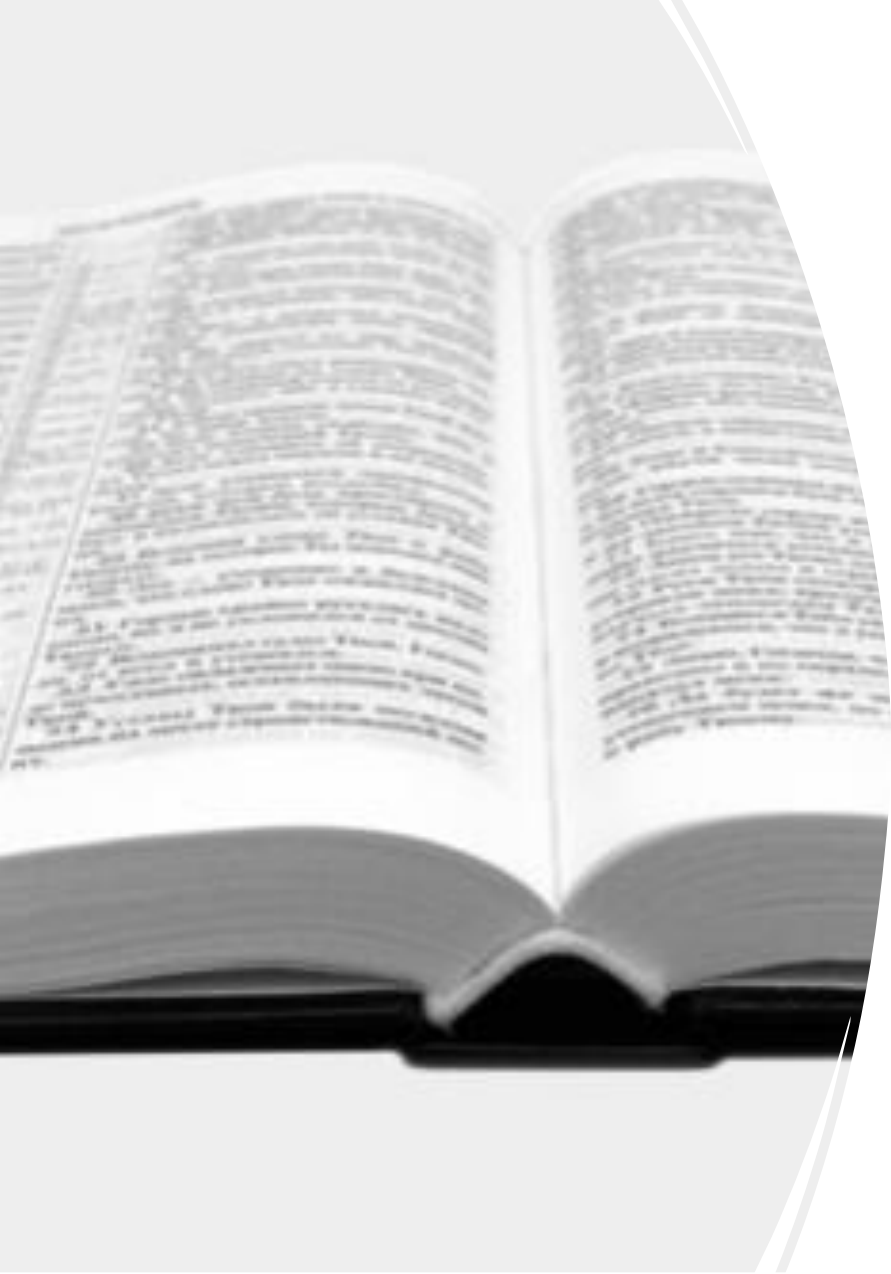
BOUND  
BY SIN

MY  
STRENGTH

SELF

Self-  
Conscious

FAR FROM



## BE WORD-DRIVEN

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As far as the east is from  
the west, so far has He  
removed our  
transgressions from us.

Ps 103:12

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# I PRESS ON (*diōkō*)...

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1. to pursue—as in a footrace—speeding on earnestly
2. to run swiftly in order to catch a person or thing
3. to seek after earnestly to reach a goal...





## Pressing On...

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**“Not the Triumph  
But the Struggle”**

**Don Schollander**



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## WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE PRIZE?



# The Goal Defined—Full Maturity

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Therefore, all who are **mature**, let's have this attitude...

Phil

3:15



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Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and **become mature**, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Eph 4:11-13



# The Goal Defined—Full Maturity

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Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand **mature** and fully assured in all the will of God.

Col 4:12



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## WHAT DOES MATURITY MEAN?





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1. TIME:

I COR 3:1-3

2. APPLIED TRUTH: HEB 5:13-14

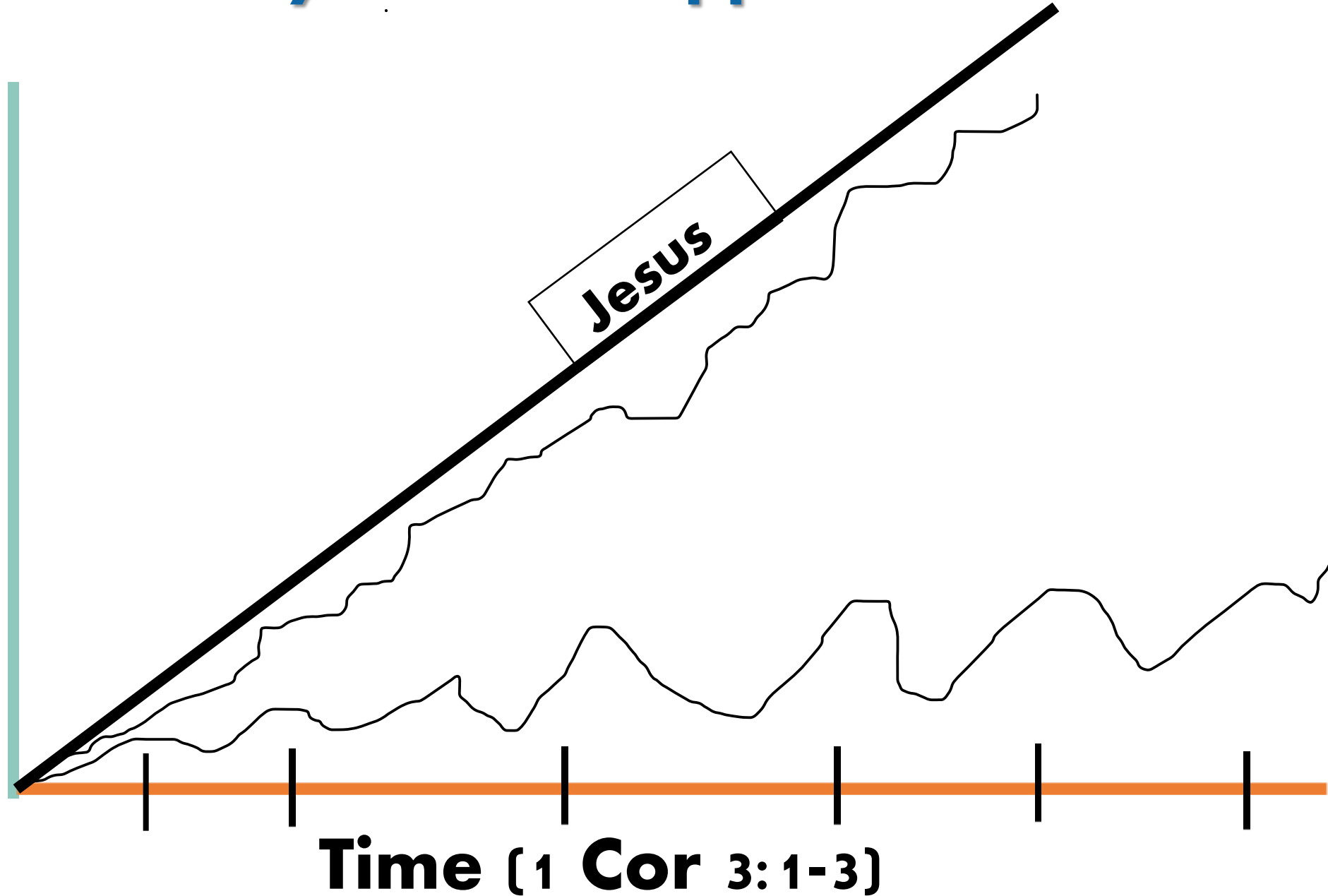


# Maturity = Time x Applied Truth

**Practice:**

**Applied  
Truth**

**(Heb 5:13-14)**



# TIME: 1 Cor 3:1-3

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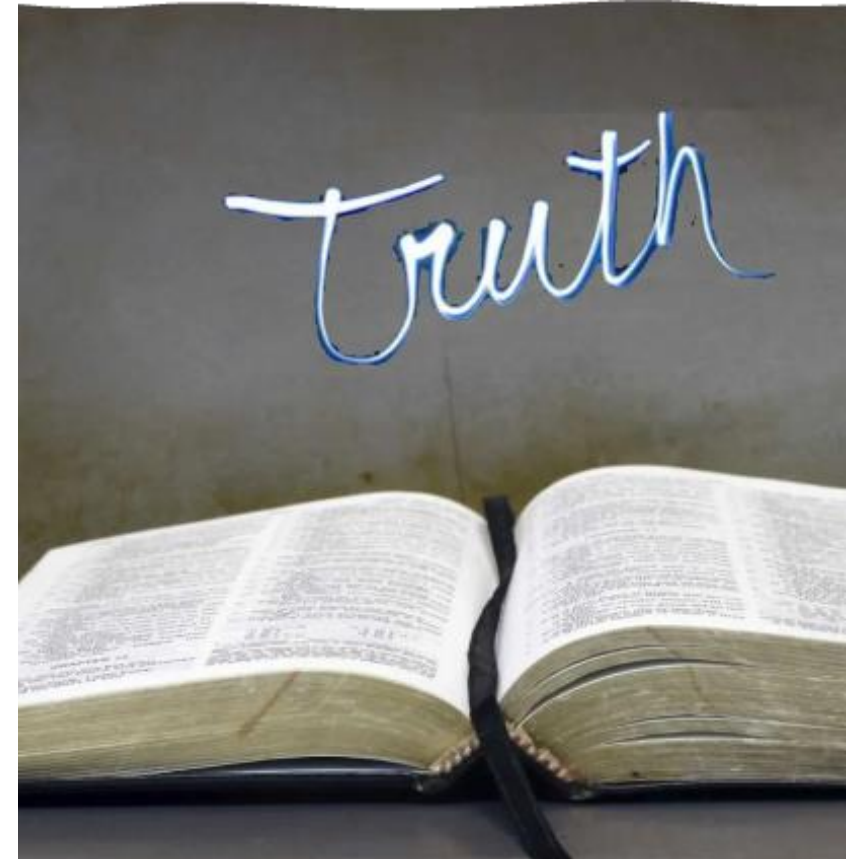
...brothers *and sisters*, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but *only* as fleshly, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to consume it*. But even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like *ordinary* people?



# Applied Truth: Heb 5:13-14

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For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unacquainted with the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But **solid food** is for the **mature**, who because of **practice** [applying the truth] have their senses trained to distinguish between good and evil.

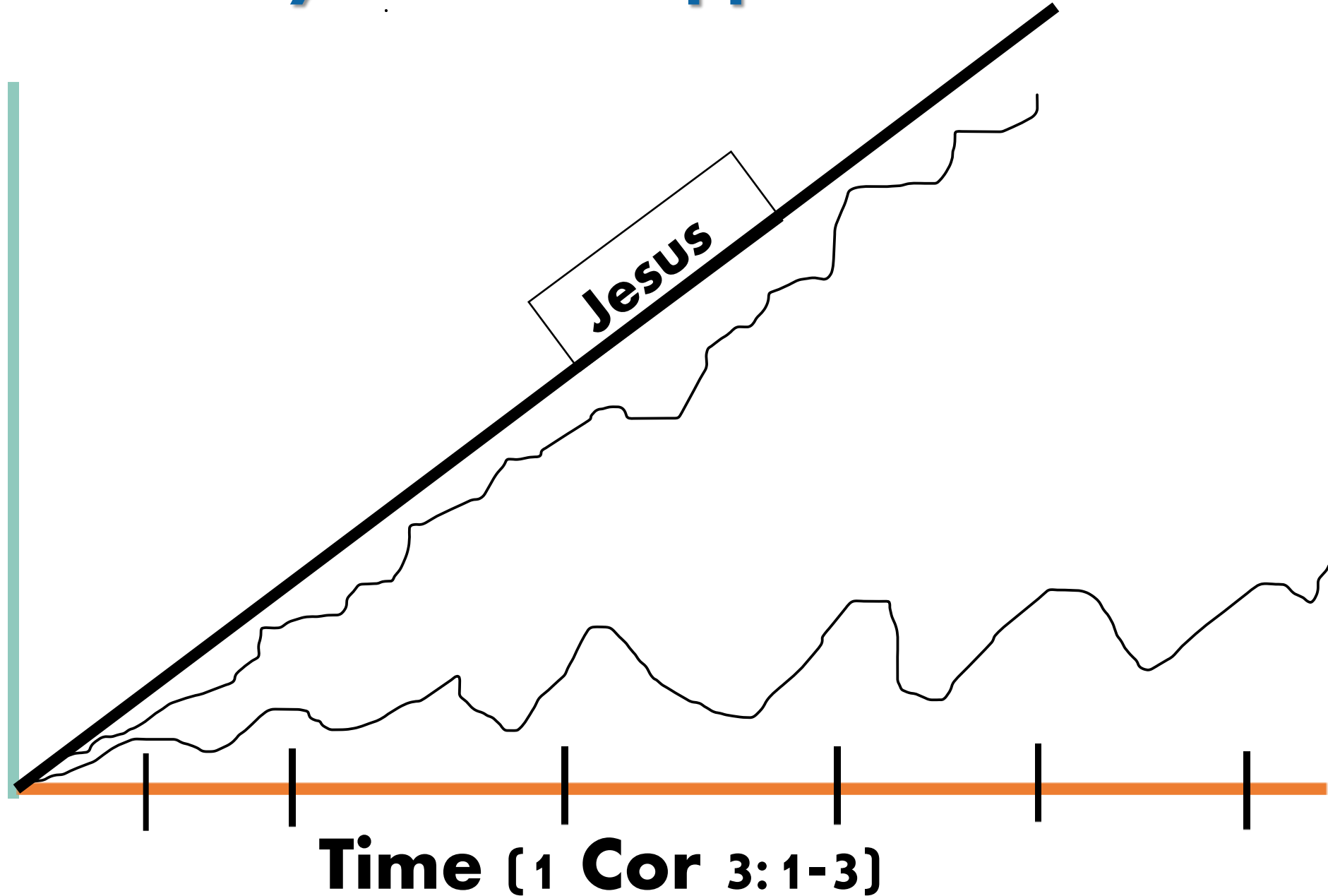


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And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose... **to become conformed to image of His Son.**

Rms 8:28-29



# MATURITY = TIME x APPLIED TRUTH

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## SOME BIBLICAL TRUTHS TO CONSIDER & APPLY

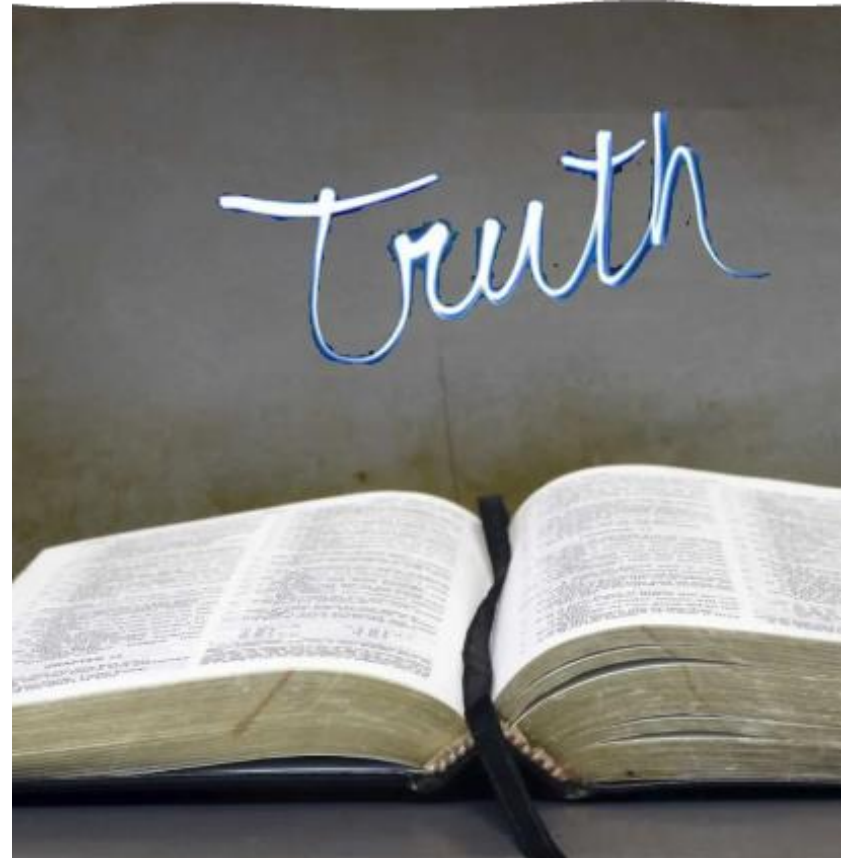


# Biblical Truth: Prayer is Essential

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Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God...and the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension will guard your heart and mind...

Phil 4:6-7

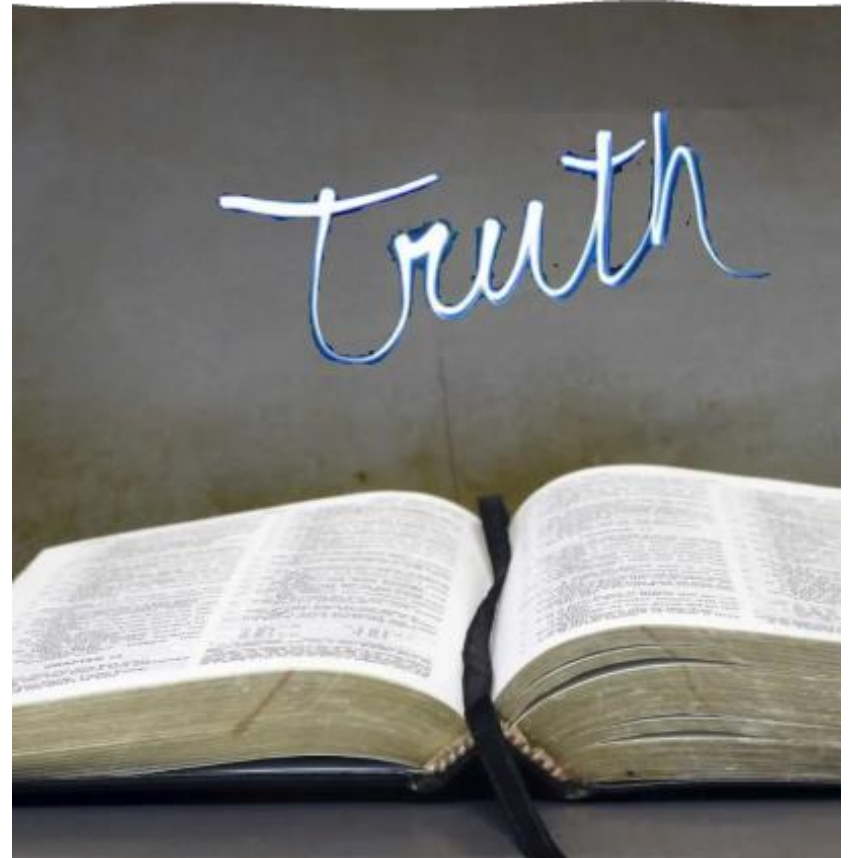


# Biblical Truth: Put on HUMILITY

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Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves;

**Phil 2:3**

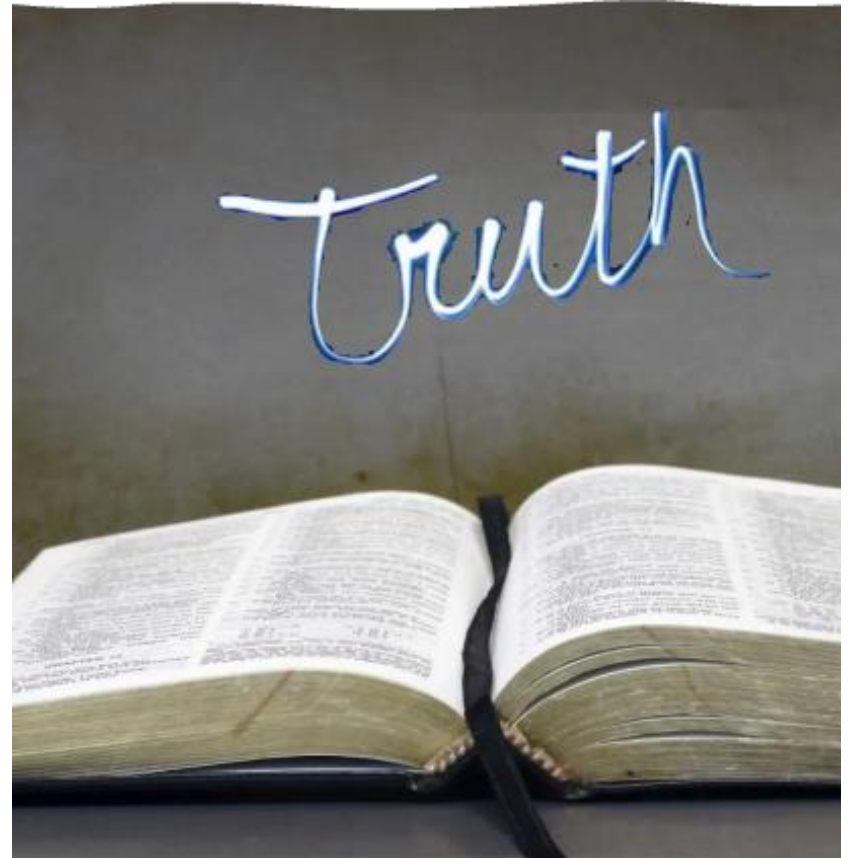


# Biblical Truth: Put no Confidence in the Flesh

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For we are the true circumcision,  
who worship in the Spirit of God  
and glory in Christ Jesus and **put  
no confidence in the flesh,**

**Phil 3:3**



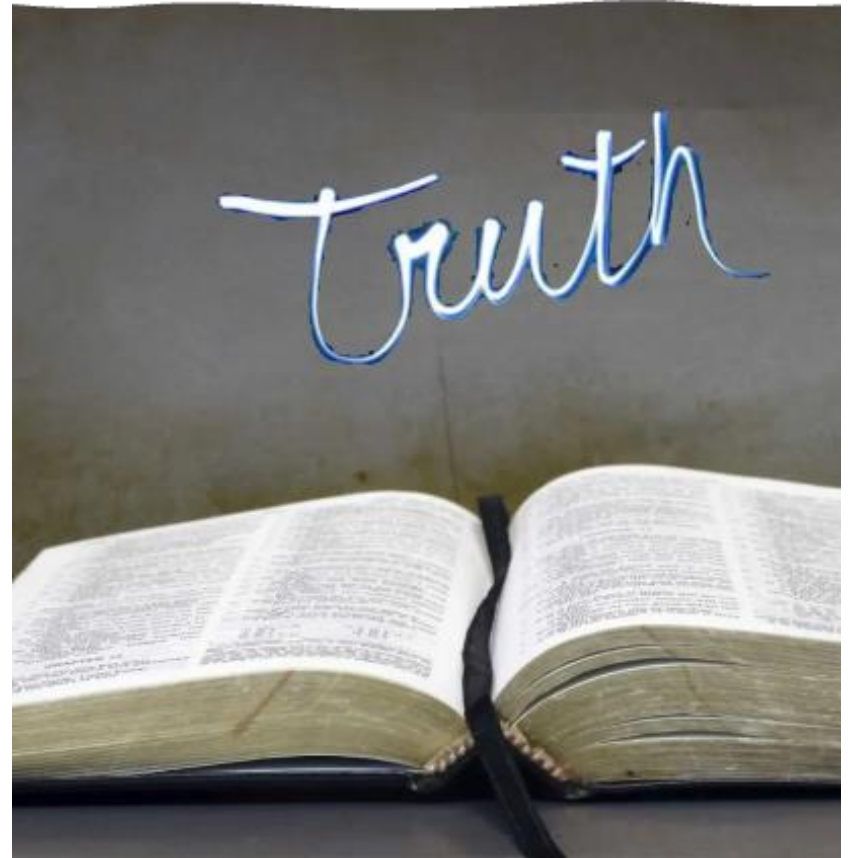
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You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

Gal

3:1-3

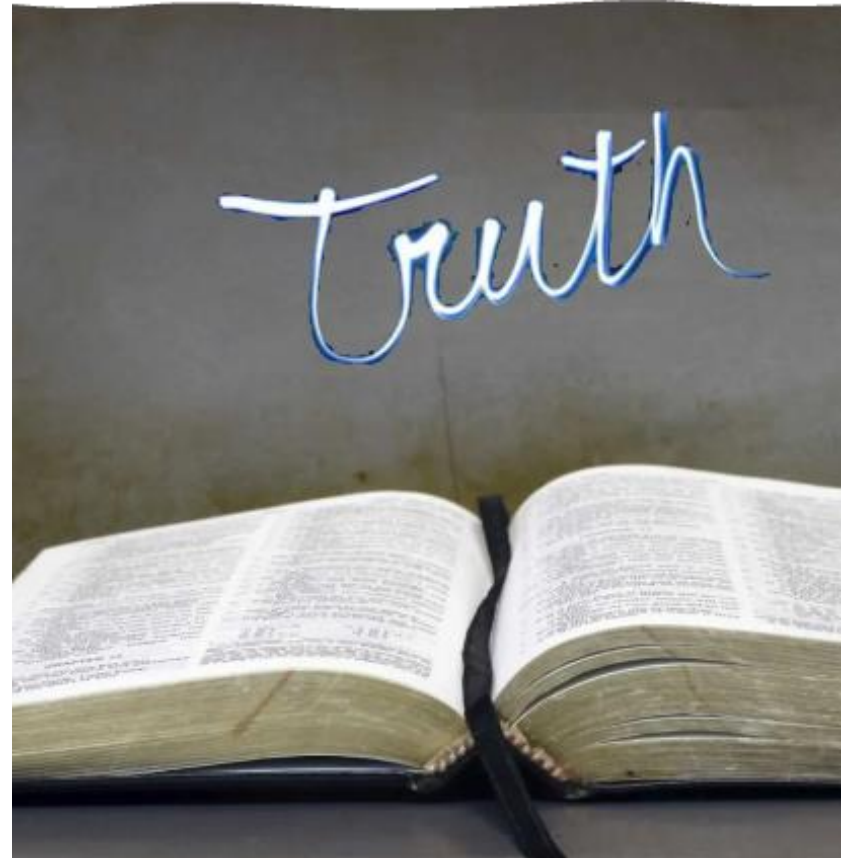


# Biblical Truth: We are called to Suffer

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Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ...For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him but also **to suffer for His sake...**

**Phil 1:27-29**

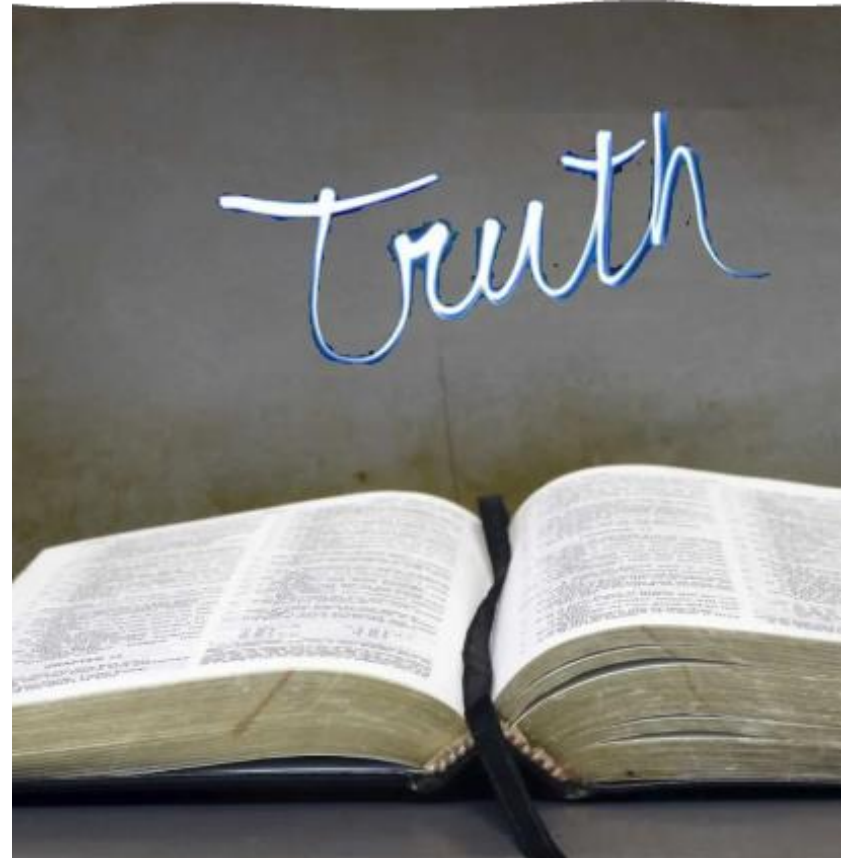


# Biblical Truth: The Purpose of Trials

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Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**James 1:2-4**

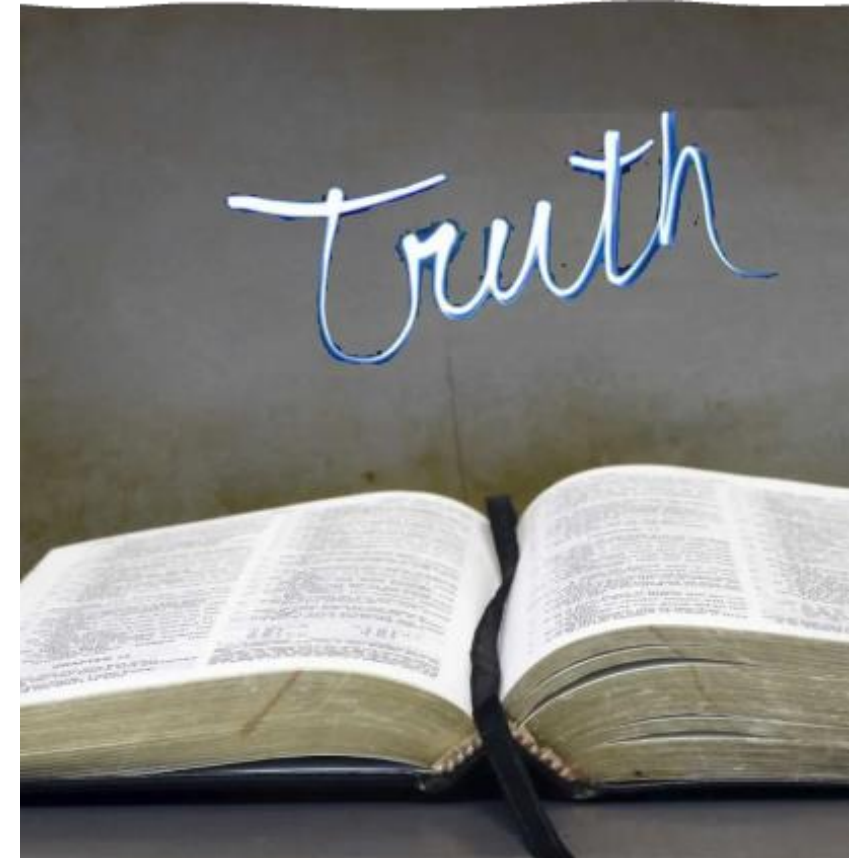


# Biblical Truth: Watch out for Heart Attacks

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...out of the hearts of people, come the evil thoughts, *acts of* sexual immorality, thefts, murders, *acts of* adultery, deeds of greed, wickedness, deceit, indecent behavior, envy, slander, pride, *and* foolishness; all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the person.

Mark 7:21-

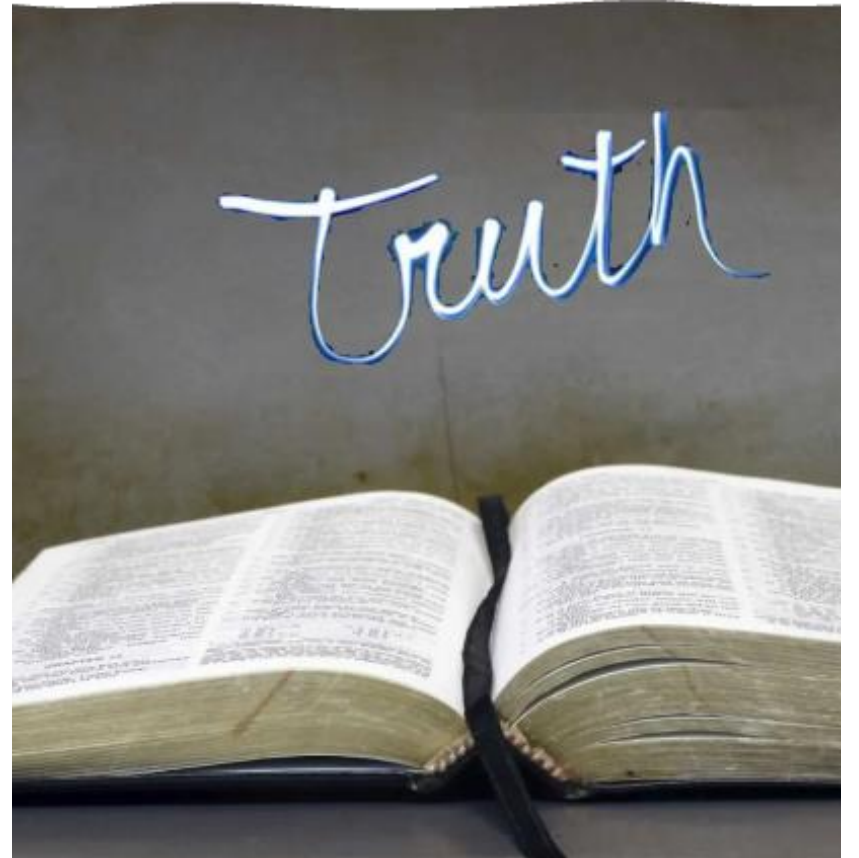


# Biblical Truth: Time is of the Essence

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...be careful how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil...

Eph 5:15-16



# Maturity = Time x Applied Truth

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And Jesus kept **increasing in wisdom** and stature, and in favor with God and men.

**Luke 2:52**

Although He was a Son, He **learned** obedience from the things which He suffered.

**Hebrews 5:8**

