

Truth Texting

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Witnessing by text has really strengthened my faith in what we believe to be the truth.

Someone once said, "I notice you pray through Jesus or end your prayers in Jesus' name. That I pray directly to Jesus...."

My reply was this:

I pray to God through Jesus.

I always end my prayers in Jesus' name, Amen:

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "**I am the way** and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a **great high priest** who has ascended into heaven, **Jesus the Son of God**, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weakness, but we have one who was tempted in every way, just as we are— yet he did not sin. Let us then **approach God's throne of grace with confidence**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*1 Tim. 2:3-6

...God...who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one **mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus**, who gave himself as a ransom for all men.. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time..

Heb. 7:25

Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always **lives to intercede for them.**

Someone once said, we never bow to a man, only to God.....but my reply was:

Phil. 2:9-11

“Therefore **God exalted him to the highest place** and **gave him the name that is above every name,** that at the name of Jesus **every knee would bow,** in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and **every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**”

Acts 5:30-31

The **God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead**—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. **God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior** that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Acts 2:22

Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

Act 17:31

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

John 8:40

As it is, you are looking for a way to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things.

Rom. 5:15

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Rom. 5:19

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

1 Cor. 15:21

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

Finally...

Eph. 1:20-23

He (God) exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And **God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything** for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

*1 Cor. 15:27-28

For he "has put everything under his feet." **Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.** When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may all in all.

Someone once said that God is Jesus (God manifest in the flesh) and that Jesus is not the Son of God....my reply was:

1 John 5:5-12

Who is it that overcomes the world? **Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God**. This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the **Spirit is the truth**. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. We accept human testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. And this is the testimony: **God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son**. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Note:

1 John 5:6-7 (KJV)

...the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Now notice the difference...

1 John 5:7-8

Greek Diaglott, NIV, and other translations

...**the Spirit is the truth**. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.

Note: KJV differs in 1 John 5:7, because it includes the Comma Johanneum, a passage that is not found in most early Greek manuscripts. It is not in the Greek Diaglott.

Eph. 1:20-23

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2 John 7-11

I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge **Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh,** have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; **whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.** If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

1 John 4:2-3

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that **Jesus Christ has come in the flesh** is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

John 1:14

Greek Diaglott

And the LOGOS (signifies a word spoken) **became flesh,** and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, a glory as of an Only-begotten from a Father—full of favor and truth.

Gal. 4:4

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Matt. 12:48-50

Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven, he is my brother and sister and mother.

Rom. 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—**heirs of God** and **co-heirs with Christ**, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

John 3:16

God gave his son to the world. God willed it to be.

John 17:6

I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

John 17:26

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

Eph. 1:17

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them.

John 14:19-21

Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. He who has my commandments and observes them, that is he who loves me; and he who loves me shall be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will **manifest myself to him**.

John 14:23-24

Greek Diaglott

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone love me, he will observe my word; and my Father will love him; and **we will come to him**; and make our home with him. He who loves me not, observes not my words; and the **word which you hear is not mine, but that of the Father who sent me**.

John 14:31

Greek Diaglott

But that the world may know that **I love the Father**, and that **as the Father commanded me, even so I do...**

Acts 7:55

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and **Jesus standing at the right hand of God**.

Mark 10:18

“Why do you call me good? Jesus answered. **“No one is good—except God alone.**

Matt. 24:36

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent:

2 Cor. 2:15

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

Acts 2:36

Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.

Luke 22:42-44

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; **yet not my will but yours be done.**” Now an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. And being in agony he was praying very fervently; and his sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground.

2 Cor. 5:21

God made him (Jesus) who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

Matt. 27:41-43

In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘**I am the Son of God.**’”

Acts 2:24

But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:32

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the **glory of the Father**, we too may live a new life.

John 6:57.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

Rom.3:25

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

John 6:67-69

“You do not want to leave, too, do you? Jesus asked the twelve. Simon Peter answered him, “Lord to whom shall we go? **You have the words of eternal life.** We have come to believe and to know that you are the **Holy One of God.**”

Matt. 9:27

The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the **son of David**, the **son of Abraham**.

John 14:1

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 15:10

If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

1 Cor. 11:3

But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and **the head of Christ is God**.

Eph. 1:17

That **the God of our Lord Jesus Christ**, the glorious Father, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full knowledge of him.

Rev. 1:1-3

The revelation from Jesus Christ, **which God gave him** to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw- that is the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Matt. 3:17

And a voice from heaven said, “**This is my Son**, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

1 John 4:15

If anyone acknowledges that **Jesus is the Son of God**, God lives in them and they in God.

**Col. 1:15

Greek Diaglott

...who is a likeness of the God of unseen.

**Col. 1:16

Greek Diaglott

...the things all on account of him and for him have been created

1 John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the **Righteous One**.

Matt. 20-28

Just as the **Son of Man** did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Rom. 5:10

For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Psalms 103:17

But from **everlasting to everlasting** the **LORD's love** is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

Psalms 41:13

Praise be to the LORD, the **God** of Israel, from **everlasting to everlasting**. Amen and Amen.

*Psalms 90:2-3

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from **everlasting to everlasting you are God**. You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, Oh sons of men."

Luke 19:10

For the **Son of Man** came to seek and to **save the lost**.

Matt 26: 64

...But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the **Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One** and coming on the clouds of heaven.

John 20:17

Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to **my Father** and **your Father**, to **my God** and **your God**.'"

Matt. 10:32-33

So everyone who acknowledges me before men, **I also will acknowledge before my Father** who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Acts 3:19-21

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the LORD, and that **he may send Jesus Christ**, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

John 8:26

“I have much to say in judgment of you. But he who sent me is trustworthy, and what **I have heard from him I tell the world.**”

John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to **save the world through him.**

*Acts 3:13

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, **has glorified his servant Jesus.** You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

John 20:21-23

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! **As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.**” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

John 5:19

“Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; **he can do only what he sees his Father doing.** Because **whatever the Father does the Son also does.**”

John 5:30

“By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear and my judgment is just, for I **seek not to please myself but him who sent me.**”

John 8:28

Jesus says, “**I do nothing on my own, but speak exactly what the Father has taught me.**”

John 12:49-50

For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.

John 14:10

Jesus also explains, “**My teaching is not my own... it comes from him who sent me.**”

**James 1:13

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for **God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man**

**Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. **For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weakness, but we have one who was tempted in every way, just as we are— yet he did not sin.** Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

***Col. 2:9-10

9) For in Christ all the fullness of the deity lives in bodily form.

10) and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.

Note: Deity means status, quality, and nature.

***1 Cor. 15:24

Then the end will come when he hands over the Kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority, and power.

***1 Cor. 15:27

For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that **“everything” has been put under him, it is clear** that **this does not include God himself**, who put everything under Christ.

Rev. 7:10

And crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, **AND** to the Lamb!”

Matthew 10:32-33

So everyone who acknowledges me before, men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

John 1:49

Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”

Matthew 17:5

While Peter was talking, a bright cloud covered them. **A voice came from the cloud** and said, **“This is my Son, whom I love, and I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!”**

Matthew 3:16-17

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "**This is my Son, whom I love, with him I am well pleased.**"

1 Thes. 1:9-10

...and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to **wait for his Son from heaven**, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Beautiful and interesting scriptures regarding the spirit and Holy Spirit as God's promises (his powerful word spoken)....

Note: Ruach and Pneuma are Hebrew and Greek words from which spirit (English) comes from. The original meaning for both words are **wind, breath, spirit**.

Therefore, I tend to think that spirit / holy spirit is God's powerful spoken words/ truth/ promises/ prophecy/ testimony/ power/ and pledge. He used his words to create and for anything he wills to happen (past, present, and future).

Eph. 6:17

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the **Spirit**, which is the **word of God**.

*Eph. 1:13-14

Greek Diaglott

By whom also we obtained an inheritance, having been previously marked out according to a design of HIM who is operating all things agreeably to the counsel of his own will; in order that we might be for a Praise of his Glory, we who had a prior hope in the ANOINTED one; by whom also, you having heard the **word of the truth**, the glad tiding of your salvation, by whom I say,

you also having believed were sealed with **the spirit of the promise**—the Holy Spirit—which is a **Pledge of our INHERITANCE** in a Redemption of the PURCHASE, to the praise of his glory.

-vs- (notice the difference) The next verse makes it look like a being instead of a promise/pledge.

*Eph 1:13-14

NIV

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

John 20:21-23

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John 6:63

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the **words that I speak** unto you, they **are spirit**, and they are **life**."

Note: (Jesus **only** spoke what God told him to say.)

Proverbs 4:20-23

My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to **my words**. Do not let them out of your sight, **keep them within your heart**; for they are **life to those who find them** and **health to one's whole body**. Above all else, **guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.**

Psalms 51:10-19

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and **renew a right spirit within me**. Cast me not away from thy presence; and **take not thy holy spirit from me**. **Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and renew a right spirit within me.. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.**

Isaiah 55:11

So is **my word** that **goes out from my mouth**: It will not return to me empty, but **will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.**

Gen. 1:3

And **God said**, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Psalm 33:6

By the **word of the LORD** the heavens were made, their starry host by the **breath of his mouth**.

2 Peter 3:5

But they deliberately forget that long ago by **God's word** the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the word (Logos), and the word was with God, and the word was God.

(Note: Logos means: word spoken)

Luke 1:38

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "**May your word to me be fulfilled.**" Then the angel left her.

John 1:14

The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(**Note:** I believe God spoke Jesus into existence).

2 Peter 3:7

By the same word the **present heavens and earth** are **reserved for fire**, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his **promise** we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Rev. 1:1

The revelation from Jesus Christ, **which God gave him** to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John.

This verse goes with this...

Rev. 3:22

He who has an ear, let him hear what the spirit says to the church.

John 14:26

Greek Diaglott

When but may come the helper, whom I will send to you from the Father, (**the spirit of the truth, which from the Father shall come out,**) that will **testify concerning me**. And **you also will testify**, because you are with me from the beginning.

(Talking to his disciples.)

1 John 5:6-10

...**the spirit is the truth**...We accept human testimony, but **God's testimony** is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. **Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony**. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son.

1 John 4:2

“By this **you know** the **Spirit of God**: every spirit that **confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God**.”

Since we know that God's words are truth. We have to believe what he said about the sleep of the dead....

Gen. 2:17

But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.

Rm. 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Job 14:10

But a man dies and is laid low; he breathes his last and is no more.

Job 14:12

So man lies down and does not rise til the heavens are no more, men will not awake or be roused from their sleep.

Ecc. 9:5

For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing.

Ecc. 12:7

Our bodies return to the dust of the earth, and the breath of life will go back to God, who gave it.

Psalms 13:3 (David)

Look on me and answer, LORD my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death.

Acts 13:36 (Paul)

“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

Acts 2:29 (Paul)

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day.

Isa. 38:18-20

The dead cannot praise; they cannot raise their voices in praise. Those who go down to the grave can no longer hope in your faithfulness. Only the living can praise you.

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Psalms 104:29

When you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Psalms 115:17

It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to the place of silence.

Psalms 146:4

When they breathe their last, they return to the earth, and all their plans die with them.

Or

When their spirit departs they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

Note: Different translations use either breathe or spirit for this verse because they are the same.

The Hebrew word Ruach means breath, wind, spirit.

James 2:26

The body without the spirit “breath” is dead.

John 7:34

You will look for me, but you will not find me, and where I am, you cannot come.”

John 8:21

Once more Jesus said to them, “I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come.”

John 13:33

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.”

John 3:13

No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven, the Son of Man.

Heb. 11:39-40

These (patriarchs of the Bible) were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Here are some beautiful passages regarding Resurrection Day....

Acts 1:11

““Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.””

Acts 3:19-21

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the time comes for the restoration of all things, which God announced through his Holy Prophets since the world began.

1 Cor. 15:20-23

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Matt.24:36

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Romans 11:25

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in,

Revelation 22:12

“Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me and I will give to each person according to what they have done.

2 Tim. 4:8

And now the prize await me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

Isaiah 40:5

Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Matt. 24:30-31

“Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the people of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

1 Thes. 4:16

“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.”

Isaiah 26:19

But your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise—let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy—your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

1 Cor. 15:51–52

Listen I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Thes. 4:17

Then we, which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The following four passages are related in that they mention the earth giving birth to the dead and/or use the word dew. It helps us to see that Jesus will resurrect the righteous and immediately allow them to reign on earth with him from Jerusalem...

1. 1 Peter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...

2. Isaiah 26:19

But your dead will live, LORD; their bodies will rise—let those who dwell in the dust wake up and shout for joy—your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead.

3. Psalms 110:1-7

The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”

The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, “Rule in the midst of your enemies!”

Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning’s womb.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

He will drink from a brook along the way, and so he will lift his head high.

4. Psalms 133:3

It is like the dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing—Life forever.

Note:

Poetic, but beautiful isn't it?

Born into sin because of Adam.

Born into eternal life because of Christ and the righteous will begin their reign with him.

On Resurrection Day.

When he comes.

Rev. 2:26-27

To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations—that one “will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery”—just as I have received authority from my Father.

Rev. 3:21

To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Rev. 5:10

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

Matt 5:5

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Psalms 2:1-12

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the anointed, saying, “Let us break **their** chains and throw off **their** shackles.” The One enthroned in heaven laughs, the LORD scoffs at them. He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.” I will proclaim the LORD’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. **Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.** You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling. **Kiss his son,** or he will be angry and your way will lead to your destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

After Jesus conquers all dominion, authority, and power he will set up his Great White Thrown Judgment.

Act 17:31

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the **man** he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.

Rev. 20:11-15

Greek Diaglott

And I saw a great white throne, and one sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12) And I saw the dead, the great, and the little **standing before the throne**; and books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of the Life; and the dead were judged from the things which had been written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up those dead which were in it; and death and hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged each one according to their works. And death and hades were cast into the lake of the fire. This is the second death. And if anyone was not found written in the book of the Life, was cast into the lake of the fire.

Note: KJV uses the words in vs.12) stand before God. Greek Diaglott uses the words in vs.12) standing before the throne. (It is Jesus sitting on the throne ref. Acts. 17:31 and Matt. 25:31-46. God will come down afterwards ref. Rev. 21:3. Jesus will execute the promises of God!).

Matthew 25:31-34, 46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all his angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. The people of every nation will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, my Father has blessed you! Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.

Ref. to those on his left...

Greek Diaglott

46) And shall go away these into a cutting off age lasting; the and just ones into life age lasting.

And

2 Peter 3:7

By the same word the **present heavens and earth are reserved for fire**, being kept for **the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men**.

Zeph. 3:8

Therefore wait for me," declares the LORD, "for the day I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble the nations, to gather the kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. **The whole world will be consumed by the fire** of my jealous anger.

Mal. 4:1-3

Surely, the day is coming; it will **burn like a furnace**. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will **set them on fire**, says the LORD Almighty. "**Not a root or a branch will be left to them**. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and folic like well-fed calves. Then **you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet** on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

Finally, this earth will be made new. We will live in the new city (New Jerusalem) - We will live with both God and Jesus here forever. The Kingdom of God!

Rev. 21:1-5

Then I saw a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the **Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God**, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "**Now the dwelling of God is with men**, and he will be with them. They will be his people, and **God himself will be with them and be their God**. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new." Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Isaiah 65:17

"See, I will create **new heavens** and a **new earth**. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

2 Peter 3:13

But in keeping with his promise, we are looking forward to a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, the home of righteousness.

Heb.13:14

For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the **city that is to come**.

Matt. 5:5

Blessed are the meek, for they shall **inherit the earth**

Romans 4:13

It was not through the law that **Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world**, but through the righteousness that comes by faith

Gal. 3:29

If you **belong to Christ**, then **you are Abraham's seed**, and **heirs according to the promise**

Romans 8:17

Now if we are children, then we are heirs—**heirs of God** and **co-heirs with Christ**, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also **share in his glory**.

Matt.5:8

Blessed are the pure in heart, for **they shall see God**.

Job 19:25-28

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, **yet in my flesh I will see God**; I myself **will see him with my own eyes**—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

The following passage/verses are often brought up to me: I would like to share them.

I am always referred to Isa. 9:6-8 (KJV) and told that this proves that Jesus is God, but I like to refer them to this English version...

Isa. 9:6-7

Wycliffe Translation (1382-1395)

Note: I like this version of Isaiah 9:6. Wycliffe translation (1382-1395) It is one of, if not the earliest, English translation from the Hebrew and the Greek. Whereas KJV was written in (1611). Notice his name shall be called God (not that he is God) and he is called the Father of the world to come! (so good)....

Forsooth a little child is born to us, and a son is given to us, and **princehood is made on his shoulder** and **his name shall be called** Wonderful, A counsellor, **God**, Strong, **Father of the world to come**, Prince of peace.

His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end to his peace; he shall sit on the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, so that he can establish it, and make it strong in justice, or in judgement, and righteousness, from henceforth until forever. **The fervent love of the LORD of hosts shall make this happen.**

It goes along with this passage....

Heb. 1:9

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore **God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.**

Note: Jesus is very rarely called God in the scriptures, but God, the Father, even called Jesus "God" and man has been referenced as gods at times. Jesus is to God as Joseph was to the Pharaoh.

And it goes along with this...

**Psalms 110:1-7

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

Another one I am often referred to is this passage:

Col. 1:15

The Son is the image of the **invisible God**, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or

rulers or authorities, all things have been **created through him and for him**. He is **before all things**, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church, he is the beginning and the **firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy**. **For God was pleased to have all his fulness dwell in him**, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Notice the difference:

Col. 1:15

Greek Diaglott

who is **a likeness** of the **God of that unseen**.

Col. 1:16

Greek Diaglott

...the things all on **account of him and for him** have been created;

Col. 1:17

Greek Diaglott

And he is in **advance of all**,

Col. 1:18-19

Greek Diaglott

And he is the **head of the body, of the congregation; who is a beginning, first born out of the dead ones**, so that he **might become among all himself pre-eminent**; because in him it was thought good **all the fullness to inhabit**,

Note: “all the fullness to inhabit” God wanted Jesus to be all these things, not God literally putting himself in Christ.

Another verse I am often referred to is.....

1 Tim. 3:16

NIV

Beyond all question, the mystery from which true godliness springs is great:

He appeared in the flesh,

Was vindicated by the Spirit,

Was seen by angels,

Was preached among the nations,

Was believed on in the world,

Was taken up in glory,

vs.

1 Tim. 3:16

Greek Diaglott

***A pillar and basis of the truth** and confessedly great is of the **piety secret**; who was manifested in flesh, was justified in spirit, was seen by messengers, was proclaimed among nations, was believed among a world, was taken up in glory.

Note:

godliness is a mistranslation among some English translations. (KJV uses it). The Greek Diaglott and many other translations do not.

*In conclusion - The whole passage there is talking about how we and leaders of the Church should act and be in the congregation of God. Who better of an example than **Christ. Christ is the piety secret** in vs. 16.

So vs.16 is talking about Jesus, not God.

Interesting Note: John 1:14 -**Son** from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

Here is another verse referred to me:

Matthew 25:31-46

(46) “And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Now notice the difference:

Matthew 25:46

Greek Diaglott

And shall go away these into a **cutting off** agelasting; the and just ones into life agelasting.

Here is another verse that was given to me:

Heb. 10:37-39

(39) “But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.”

Now notice how “soul” is explained beautifully below. - Soul is your life (whole being).

But we are not of those shrinking back, but of Faith in order to a preservation of life.

Ezekiel 18:20

The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Here is another verse given to me:

Matt. 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Now see this...

Matt. 10:28

Greek Diaglott

Be not afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot destroy the **(future) life**; but rather **fear him** who can utterly destroy **both life and body in Gehenna**.

-It goes with this verse

*Matt. 10:39

Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

*****Note:** Greek Diaglott indicated putting both of the above verses together.

(Jesus will raise our bodies from the grave and give us Eternal life at his return. No one can take that away from us if we belong to Christ. The wicked will burn in the end when the earth is cleansed with fire. Fear God and the one he has appointed (Jesus) to judge the world!

Ref: Gen. 2:17, 1 Cor. 15: 22-23, 1 Thes. 4:16-17, Isa. 26:19, Acts 17:31, 2 Peter 3:7, and 2 Peter 3:13)

The parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus has been brought up to me more than one regarding heaven and hell (Luke 16:19-31).

Comments:

This is a parable

You will not find the word heaven in this parable.

Hades and/or Sheol (original meaning is a state of death or the grave)

This was a warning to the Jews of that time and for all of us. I think that Jesus was referring to a future event (the Great white throne judgment). The righteous will be placed on Christ's right. Abraham will be on his right. The wicked will be raised to life, at that time, but only to face being thrown into the fire that will cleanse the earth (2 Peter 3:7).

Jesus, I believe, is telling the people that they should be aware that a time is coming when everyone will be judged, but most will not listen, even if the dead were to be raised up.

They will not even accept God's son, Jesus, who did in fact raise to life from the dead.

The wicked will wish they could share in the promise given to Abraham (Eternal life on this new earth).

My favorite passage in the Bible to use is (1 Cor. 15:20-28). No one has ever been able to get back with me on this one. This passage is priceless!

Here is the (2nd half) of 1 Cor. 15:20-28....

1 Cor. 15:24-28

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

I pray we be found faithful and receive Eternal Life in God's coming Kingdom here on this earth made new.

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