

## Biblical Christianity

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Ever since I gave my life to the Lord in February 14, 1981, one of the most gratifying developments was that I became so hungry for the Word of God: to read it, to hear it preached, to savor it, to return to it, to study it and to apply it — as soon as I knew how.

For me, the entire Bible was food, not just for my soul, but for my whole being. The Lord spoke to me through it, He healed me with it, He guided me in its pages and revealed to me a whole new world that I did not know about. The secrets of life were there disclosed, and wisdom was copiously made available as I sought it.

Remember, brothers and sisters, what St Jerome said, “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” It is only through Jesus that we can come to our heavenly Father. And Jesus, who is the Word, is daily waiting to feed us not only with His body, the Eucharist, but with His life-giving Word.

*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4)*

Hearken then, dear brethren, to the call to live biblical Christianity — according to the Word and the will of God. Scripture is a safe haven for us and will protect us from the falsehood and deception of forces of darkness that pull us away from the Lord and the teachings of Jesus.

Let me now demonstrate simply how Scripture has worked for me in certain areas, as I follow Jesus as His disciple. For me, His Word is life, living and effective (*Hebrews 4:12*). When there is a situation that I have to address with some urgency, I come before Jesus or the Holy Spirit and ask Him what He has to say about the matter. Sometimes an inspiration comes; at other times, I am reminded of a passage in Scripture which turns out to be apropos.

One time, my wife, Luli, and I were being led by the Holy Spirit to go to a place in the province of Laguna, Philippines. We prayed for guidance regarding where the Lord wanted us to go. I was led to *Ezekiel 21:26* which in part reads: “For at the fork where the two roads divide...” It was not difficult to discern what the reading meant for us that day. We were inspired to go to Pagsanjan, which is taken from the word “pinagsangahan.” In English, “The fork where the two roads divide...” And so we proceeded to Pagsanjan, Luli’s hometown, and were led to go to the residence of Luli’s aunt. When we reached the place, the aunt met us at the gate and was overwhelmed because just before we arrived she was in the company of other dwellers of community who were faced with a difficult situation. They were wishing that we were there to counsel them.

By the way, I make it a point to make a confession by mouth every morning that “by the stripes of Jesus I am healed (*Isaiah 53:5*) — in spirit, soul and body.” I do this in faith believing that what the Word of God says is true. At other times, a kind of comprehensive promise in Scripture will remind me that God gave me new life in company with Christ (*Colossians 2:13*). That life includes provision and blessings on earth, as well as protection and empowerment to do God’s will and to serve Him. May your daily lives bear much fruit as you partake of the promises in God’s Word.

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