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Past issues of *Whole Wheat* have featured articles on the kingdom of God message that was preached some 2,000 years ago. *Whole Wheat* has explained how a person repents and lives the repentant life daily. In biblical terms, it is called the Way of righteousness, the Way of the Lord, the Way of God or simply the Way (Matt. 21:32; Acts 18:25-26; 19:9, 23; 22:4). There have been many inspiring articles featuring different facets of how God's Will is done on this earth as it is being done in heaven.

The Lord wishes, regardless of your religious beliefs, that you repent and return to Him by keeping His Ways and doing His Will upon this earth. As a result of continually doing good as Jesus said you should, you will overcome your evil nature (Psalm 34:14; 37:3, 27; 1 Peter 3:10-11; Rom. 12:21; Luke 14:13; Rev. 2:26).


This is the message that you have been reading in *Whole Wheat*. It is the milk of God's word and, for the most part, not the meat (1 Cor. 3:2).

There is something that I am compelled to write to you at this time. That is, you are to share this truth with others. Jesus said in parable form in Matthew 12:30 and Luke 11:23, "He who is not with Me is against Me; and He who does not gather with Me, scatters." In plain language, Jesus was saying, "He who does not live for Me—by living like Me—and does not gather more people for the kingdom of God—by

spreading this truth to others—is against Me and is the same as one who scatters people away from the truth and the life of God." Jesus came to show us how to live this life. Those who know how to do good for God by serving others and don't do it, are the goats described in the parable of the sheep and goats (Matt. 25:33-46).

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True followers of Jesus Christ are to live this Way and teach others to do so by their example and their words. When they do this, they will be called great in the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:19). Daniel 12:3 says, “Those who lead the many to righteousness [by the example of their lives and by their words] will shine like the stars in heaven” (Matt. 5:16; Titus 2:7; 1 Peter 2:12; 3:15–KJV).

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When Jesus told the Apostle Peter three times to feed His sheep or teach His lambs, He was telling him as a disciple. Many do not realize we, as disciples, are all to do the same thing. God’s truth spreads by word of mouth and God is calling you to be His spokesman and example (John 21:15-17).

Psalm 51:13 says, “I will teach transgressors Thy Ways [God’s Will] and sinners shall be converted to Thee.” “He that wins souls is wise” (Prov. 11:30). “A true witness delivers souls” (Prov. 14:25). In other words, a true disciple of Jesus Christ converts people to live God’s Way of righteousness.

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If you do not tell others the truth from

God’s word, you are suppressing the truth in unrighteousness and God’s wrath will be upon you or anyone else who withholds this precious message from others (Rom. 1:18). God gave many over to depraved minds in the past because they exchanged this truth of God for a lie, and withheld the truth in unrighteousness from other people (Rom. 1:24-32).

Hebrews 3:7-8 says, “Today if you hear My voice [if you understand what the Lord would have you do], do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness!” God told the ancient Israelites how to keep His Ways—by practicing righteousness and overcoming their evil ways by imitating Him. They kept hearing of the Way they should live but they would not obey God (Jer. 7:22-28). In other words, they did not know God’s Ways because they did not obey God and practice righteousness.

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We cannot know God’s Ways or know God’s Will unless we live the life first and thereby learn righteousness (John 7:17; Is. 1:16-20; Titus 3:8, 14; Prov. 8:32-36). Eventually, everyone on this earth will learn righteousness (Is. 26:9). But the wicked will not learn righteousness because they will not practice righteousness (Is. 26:10). If it is with difficulty that those who practice righteousness daily to please the Lord are

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saved, what will become of the wicked, godless one who will not practice righteousness for God (1 Peter 4:18)?

“The people who do not know this truth remain dead. That is why Jesus put telling this message of the truth first.”

Now you know what is expected from everyone who knows the right thing to do in God’s sight. God wants you to spread the word and teach it to others in thought, word and deed. When one of Jesus’ disciples asked if he could first go bury his father, Jesus said, “Let the dead bury their dead; but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:59-60). The people who do not know this truth remain dead. That is why Jesus put telling this message of the truth first. It takes precedence over all worldly things. Pray to God that He would send others your way—those He wants to call to hear and obey the truth.

“Remember, if you but do your best, the Lord will help you do the rest...”

I hope none of you fulfill the prophecy mentioned in Ezekiel 33:31-33: “They come to you as people come, and sit before you as My people, and hear your words, but they do not do them, for they do the lustful desires expressed by their mouth, and their heart goes after their gain. And behold, you are to them like a sensual song by one who has a beautiful voice and plays well on an

instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not practice them. So when it comes to pass—as surely it will—then they will know that a prophet has been in their midst.” Remember, if you but do your best, the Lord will help you do the rest; and we’ll help you, too (1 Cor. 3:7)! □



**MISCONCEPTIONS
VS.
TRUTH**

***“You are saved
by grace
through faith.”***

The truth is...

If God Told You...



If God told you that horrible times were coming upon all peoples who dwell on the earth, would you warn others? If God told you that times are coming which will be so bad that a person will eat the flesh off his own arm for lack of food, would you warn others (Rev. 6:5-6; Is. 9:20)? If God told you that so many humans would die as a result of the coming plagues that people won't even bother to bury them because of disease, would you tell others (Jer. 16:4)? Would you warn others that these, and so many other things, are prophesied to happen near the end of man's rule on this earth (Jer. 19:9; Ezek. 5:10; Micah 3:3; Zech. 11:9)?

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Would you warn others that they can be protected by God when these times come, and that they will be protected in times of war and fed in times of famine (Psalm 91:7-8; 33:19; 37:19)? All they need to do is begin to make all their ways kind and all their ways charitable towards others for God. Just stop doing wickedness and start practicing righteousness for God daily. It's as simple as that! When you accept Jesus

as your Savior, you accept the Way of life He instructed you to live.

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God commands us to love others and get along with them, because all others in the world represent our neighbors. When we continually practice deeds of kindness and charity towards others, then God considers us righteous and protects us (Acts 9:36; 1 John 3:7). If we won't practice righteousness towards others for God daily, we remain sons or daughters of the devil (1 John 3:10). That's why it says this in Isaiah 3:10: “Say to the righteous that it will go well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their own actions.” The Lord will not allow the righteous to hunger (Prov. 10:3; Psalm 34:17, 15; 37:39).

The mystery of God is the one true gospel Jesus Christ preached to His servants the prophets 2,000 years ago, and it is not known by many today except by His true followers. It is the message of the truth which must be practiced daily towards others (John 3:21; Matt. 25:40).

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It is the Way to walk like God walks and imitate Him (Eph. 5:1). It is the Way to walk in the light, or live like Jesus the Prophet lived, and have our sins forgiven (1 John 1:6-7). Living the spiritual life is the Way to keep Jesus' commandments, and they are not grievous or burdensome (1 John 2:7; 5:3). It is the spiritual life He came to show us how to live and the Way all true prophets of God lived, called the Way of righteousness (Matt. 21:32; 2 Peter 2:21).

The true prophets of old told the sinners of the past to practice that Way of righteousness towards one another, if they were to continually have their sins forgiven by the Lord (Ezek. 33:31-33). It is the revealed gospel, for no amount of worldly knowledge would allow you to know this gospel, unless God gives you eyes to see and ears to hear (Matt. 13:11, 14-17). It is practicing righteousness and practicing charity toward others continually, because this is true repentance to our Maker, which allows Him to forgive our sins (Ezek. 33:16).

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It is the gospel that continually requires you to do something with your life—to practice holiness and godliness towards others. It is the true gospel that exposes all other false gospels that are being preached today.

To the Law and to the testimony! If they speak not according to this word, they are false prophets coming to you with a false gospel (Is. 8:20). “To the Law” is the message of the true prophets of God, whether it be five thousand years ago or today. We keep the Law of God by practicing righteousness and charity, and being just in all our dealings with others.

This is the true testimony of how to keep God's laws and do them (Deut. 5:33; 6:18; 7:11; 8:3; 10:12-13). God's laws are God's Ways.

“You cannot be saved unless you live the repentant life daily...”

Your sins are not forgiven unless you live the life of God in your body daily. You cannot be born again unless you live like Jesus, which is practicing righteousness for God towards others on a daily basis (1 John 2:29 New American Standard Version). You cannot be saved unless you live the repentant life daily—the Way Jesus came to show us by His example and deeds and tell us by His words (John 8:51; 12:47-50). This is how to “pick up your cross” daily (deny self, which is evil) and follow Jesus' example of serving others daily (Luke 9:23).

You are still in your sins if you are living to the flesh (still practicing sin) instead of putting to death the deeds of the flesh with the help of God's Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:13). Now you know how to repent, how to change, how to live righteously and be blessed by God - practicing righteousness towards others daily. This is how to obey Jesus Christ and have your sins covered by His precious blood (1 Peter 1:2)!

Walk in the Spirit (live like Jesus told you to live), and you will not carry out the evil desires of the flesh. Live to please God by being a servant of others for His glory (Gal. 5:16, 13; Matt. 23:11; 5:16; Rom. 12:1).

When we do these things daily, we will be protected from the things which are soon to come upon all other people in the world for their time of testing (Rev. 3:10; Zeph. 2:3; Dan. 12:1; Luke 21:36 King James Version; Psalm 91:1-16)!□

Try it... You'll Like it!



Have you ever heard the comment: *Try it—you'll like it?* When we make new recipes, we try them to see if we will like them. When we plan a vacation, we might select a new location to visit. We try it to see if we'll like it.

How about trying to live for the Lord each day? You can be sure you'll be happy and satisfied. Serving others continually to please God is the best! Why? Because we reap what we sow.

“What can I do for God next?”

When we are continually thinking, “What can I do for God next?” then we are busy doing God's Will. We also know that what we


think is what we'll do. So, we might as well do good for God—being He repays good for good and evil for evil (Psalm 125:4; Prov. 24:29; Eph. 6:8). God is the One who makes these everlasting laws and He will make sure they are fulfilled (Jer. 17:10; 32:19). When we continually do good for God, and are making all our ways pleasing to Him, our life becomes blessed.

“God has called us to His Ways of love to make a difference in this world.”

Many people walk around uptight, thinking and speaking negative. They are full of anxiety, being inward and selfish. Nothing pleases these people, because they do not know God's beautiful Way of righteousness that brings about peace (Rom 2:10; Rom 14:17). God has called us to His Ways of love to make a difference in this world. He has called us to be an example of godliness; yes, a light in a dark, evil world (Phil. 2:15). What a privilege. What an honor to be called to serve our Lord. Matthew 5:16 tells us to be a bright light by doing good to others continually.

In closing, I ask, *Is God calling you today? Are you interested in changing the way you think, speak and live? Would you like to be filled with contentment, peace, love and happiness? Would you like to make a difference in this world to glorify God by doing good for others in need?* Try it—you'll like it.

*Your sister in Christ,
Karen*

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Letter From the Editor

Dear *Whole Wheat* Readers,

As you can see, we are debuting a fresh, new design for the *Whole Wheat* Newsletter to match our new website. **Be sure to check out the interactive links and buttons throughout, that will connect you to more information on our website.** Our *Voice-Over (V-O)* feature has been received with much enthusiasm, not only for the visually impaired but for those who want to hear Bible studies on the go. They are only 3-5 minutes long, so are perfect in the car, while exercising or even cleaning the house!

All of these tools help us to fulfill the command, from our Lord Jesus Christ, to go and spread the message of the Kingdom of God (Matt. 28:19,20). Our job, as His children, is as simple as the childhood game of show and tell. **Show the world how God wants us to live, by our example, and share it with others.** This is truly the message for Gods children, those whom God is calling (Luke 18:16). I have personally witnessed many, who were drawn to this message, through the dramatic and beautiful change they saw in a friend or family member who had begun living this Way (John 13:15). Boy is that powerful!

We all need to look at our lives today. **Are we living to the flesh and encouraging more disciples for Satan's kingdom or are we living to the Spirit and encouraging disciples for God's Kingdom?** It is by our deeds that we tell the world what kingdom we are striving for (Luke 13:24).

The *Whole Wheat* website and newsletter are incredible tools that we can share with others to lead them to God's truth. All the information is right there to get others started living the righteous life. But you, the reader, are the link to those tools. God's Word says those who lead many to righteousness will shine like the stars in heaven (Dan. 12:3). **Let's shine as a beacon of hope to the world; to those who are lost in this world, looking for safe harbor** (Ps. 18:2; Matt. 10:6). The tools are in place, the information is there, the stage is set. All of creation is watching, waiting and groaning for the revealing of the sons of God (Rom. 8:19-23). Let's not keep them waiting (Luke 10:2). The time is now.

In His Love,

Scott

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God's Best Example

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are to be representatives of God's kingdom on this earth. We are to let happiness, love, joy and a unique stability of mind permeate our presence. We have eternal life and we know it because we live by God's Ways.

Jesus Christ says He is eternal life and everyone who lives as He lived—glorifying the Father with good works, enduring to the end and continuing to keep his old nature under control—will receive eternal life (Rom. 16:19-20). God crushes our old nature as we continue overcoming our evil nature by doing good (Rom. 12:21). That is what it means to repent.

We should strive to control our thinking so that we think only what is pure and lovely. We should seek peace and pursue it earnestly (Psalm 34:14). We must practice making the words that come out of our mouths as if they were the words of God (1 Peter 4:11). We should pursue, hunger, and thirst for righteousness so that Christ's

nature can be formed in us (Matt. 5:6; Gal. 4:19). We mustn't let anything stop us from receiving that new nature and pressing on to perfection.

Jesus emphasized the fact that nothing should stop us in the process of receiving our new nature (Phil. 3:14; Luke 21:19). Jesus used a severe parable saying, "If your eye offends thee, pluck it out" (Matt. 18:9).

In other words, we are not to let anything stop us from achieving our goal, which is godliness.

We must strive to be godly examples to others in thought, word and deed, like Christ (Col. 3:17). We must not do anything to make a brother stumble who has found the Way—the holy Way that the unclean are not permitted to travel (Rev. 21:8).

So keep your conduct holy, pure and blameless in all things. Always remember Paul's words, "Follow me as I follow Christ." Are you ready to have others follow you, yet (1 Cor. 11:1)?☐

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