

Wellspring – Sunday 10 April 2011 – Speak it, Believe it, Live it!

The Truth you know will set you free

John 8:31-16 - Jesus makes two great promises of freedom – “you will know the truth, and the truth shall make you free,” and “if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” Between these two statements he declares another truth: “whoever commits sin is a slave to sin.” Sadly many Christians find themselves living in *this* truth, enslaved in a seemingly never ending cycle of sin and repentance, rather than enjoying His glorious freedom.

There is a parallel here with Romans chapters 6 to 8. What Jesus calls *knowing the truth*, Paul calls *the law of the Spirit of life*. Romans 7 is not a picture of the Christian life but of what it is like to be under law and a slave to sin. We are saved *by grace through faith* (Eph 2:8). The New Testament teaches us that it is impossible to please God, apart from faith (Heb 11:6) and that whatever does not spring from faith is sin (Rom 14:23). It is self-evident that God is not pleased by sin and so the only way to live a life free from sin is by faith. We receive faith as a gift from God – Mark 11:22 should read “*have the faith of God.*”

In Rom 10:8-17 we see that faith comes through *hearing* the truth of God’s *thema* word, *believing* it in my heart and *speaking* it with my mouth. All three things are necessary. So I have put together an A to Z of powerful declarations of truth based on God’s word. Memorise these truths. Speak them daily to yourself and you will be amazed at the power of God that is released into your life. It seems simple. It is simple. And it works! Speak it! Believe it! Live it!

An A to Z of truths for a victorious life

- A. **Adopted:** I have been adopted as a son and heir of the living God. I am totally loved and accepted by my Father. He has chosen me, destined me to live for Him, and blessed me in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
- B. **my Body:** My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. I have been bought with a price, and I no longer allow sin to reign in my mortal body, but present my body to God as an instrument of righteousness, holy and sanctified to Him.
- C. **Crucified:** I have been crucified with Christ. I am dead to sin and alive to God. I no longer live but Christ lives in me, and the life I live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.
- D. **Declare His praise:** I will declare the praise of my God, giving thanks in everything and singing and making melody in my heart to the Lord. For the Lord is good and his loving kindness endures for ever.
- E. **great Expectation:** I expect to experience the goodness of God in the land of the living, and every area of my life is glistening with hope.
- F. **Faith, not Fear:** I receive the faith of God. I walk by faith and not by sight, maintaining my focus on the eternal, unseen realm of the Spirit. I trust in God and reject every fear, for what can man do to me?
- G. **Grace:** Sin has no dominion over me, for I am not under the law, but under grace. The presence of God in my life empowers me to be who He has called me to be, and to do what He has called me to do.
- H. **the Holy Spirit:** I drink deeply of the Holy Spirit, and I will be holy, even as my heavenly Father is holy.
- I. **Intimacy with God:** I have an intimate relationship with the Lord of the universe. I am in Christ and He is in me, and I delight in the beauty of his presence.
- J. **the Joy of the Lord:** I will enjoy my life today, for the joy of the Lord is my strength, and I rejoice in Him in all circumstances.

- K. **the Kingdom is within me:** The kingdom of God is within me. I live to see his will done on earth as it is in heaven and to release his kingdom power wherever I go.
- L. **Love God, Love people:** I love God with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. I love people as I love myself, and look to share the love of God with everyone I meet. [I love my wife/husband and look daily to honour and affirm her/him.] I value people more highly than things, and relationships more highly than issues.
- M. **the Mind of Christ:** I have the mind of Christ. I do not allow my thinking to be conformed to the things of this world but I renew my mind by feeding it on the word of God and discovering his perfect will for my life.
- N. **Nothing to prove:** I can do nothing of value in my own strength but remain dependent on the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and empower me. I have nothing to prove in the eyes of men, but live to please my Father in heaven.
- O. **Obedience:** I set my heart to obey every command and direction of my Lord and Saviour, and listen carefully for his voice.
- P. **Provision:** God is my Provider. He joyfully and generously supplies all my needs. All I have and all I am belongs to Him and I am a faithful steward, honouring Him with my first fruits and cheerfully giving to others, knowing that he who sows generously will also reap generously.
- Q. **Quality:** I pursue quality and excellence in everything I do, believing that my life should reflect the glory and majesty of my King.
- R. **Rest:** I live my life from a place of perfect rest and peace. I focus my time on the things that he has called me to do and refuse to get stressed by circumstances or to strive to make things happen. I am yoked to Christ, and his yoke is easy and his burden is light.
- S. **Strength:** God's strength is made perfect in my weakness. I will be strong in His grace and I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
- T. **Truth:** I put on the belt of truth and feed my mind on the word of God. His word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I receive every promise, obey every command, and recognise and reject every lie of the evil one.
- U. **Understanding:** I cry out for understanding and discernment. I seek wisdom as for hidden treasures. I maintain a healthy fear of the Lord, for He gives wisdom and from His mouth comes knowledge and understanding.
- V. **a heaVenly View:** I am seated with Christ in heavenly places, far above every power of the evil one and I view my world from his perspective.
- W. **Worship:** I worship my God in spirit and in truth. With my whole being I bow down and kneel before Him, acknowledging that I am His and He is mine.
- X. **XXX:** I flee sexual immorality, and bring every lustful thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.
- Y. **praYer:** My prayers are powerful and effective. I communicate with my Father in the secret place and carry his presence into my world, ready to move into prayer at any moment without changing gear.
- Z. **Zeal:** I don't sit back, but press forward with zeal to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. My food is to do the will of my Father and to accomplish his purposes, and I live to hasten the day of the coming of the Lord.