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Article 01

Entering New Seasons

There are two specific words from the Greek language that I'd like to introduce you to. Those words are "<u>Chronos</u> and <u>Kairos</u>". "Chronos" is a root word representing time; while the word "Kairos" is a root word representing seasons. In our teaching today, we are placing emphasis on entering into new seasons.

First, there's additional foundation to lay.

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There are two additional Greek root words that should be considered. Those words are Kainos and Neos.

Kainos represents NEW of a different kind. While <u>Neos</u> represents <u>NEW</u> of the same kind. We've all had experiences from the past that were good, when they came into our lives. Many of us would like to experience those things again, in the seasons to come. If the things we've experienced before, came into our lives again, it would be another of the same kind; It would be NEW, yet of <u>the same kind</u>. That would be acceptable. Yet, there are other things which we could experience in the seasons to come, which would be NEW, yet of <u>a different kind</u>. One type of NEW is of the same kind while the other type of NEW is of a different kind.

God is looking to usher us into new seasons, let's talk about entering them.

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There is one additional thought which I need to share with you, before releasing at least one key to entering into new seasons.

There is a distinction to be made between times and seasons.

The Greek root word for time ... CHRONOS represents time with duration or measurable time while the Greek root word for seasons ... KAIROS represents time without duration or time without measure.

A season is a window of opportunity, which operates inside of time. Seasons place pressure on time. When a person doesn't know what <u>season</u> they are in, they will mismanage <u>time</u>.

Let's begin to look at a major key to entering new seasons.

Begin with the Word

New Seasons for you and I, begin with the WORD of God.

John 1:1-3 – In the beginning was the <u>Word</u>, and the <u>Word</u> was with God, and the <u>Word</u> was <u>God</u>. Vs 2 – The same was in the beginning with <u>God</u>. Vs 3 – All <u>things</u> were made by <u>him</u>; and without him was not any <u>thing</u> made that was made.

In the Hebrew, the word – Dabar: as a noun means: <u>Word</u>; Matter, or <u>thing</u>. You cannot have a <u>thing</u> without a <u>Word</u>! In fact, the Greek root words for "WORD" also means "<u>THING</u>". Isn't that an awesome revelation? Here's what we learn from the relationship between <u>words</u> and <u>things</u>; In order to be a part of the NEW THING-WORD that God is doing, I will have to embrace the Word-Thing that God is <u>speaking</u>, because there are no <u>things</u> without <u>words</u>.

God began the seasons with His Word! Your new season from God will also begin with His Word!

Listen to Isaiah 42:9

Isaiah 42:9 – Behold, the former <u>things</u> are come to pass, and new <u>things</u> do I declare: before they spring forth I <u>tell</u> you of <u>them</u>.

Every time you hear, receive and act on a Word from God, it will usher you into a NEW SEASON.

Many times at the end of the year, people, even Christians believe that the new season will begin on January 1st of the coming year. Actually it could be a combination of both, a new season and a new year.

However, a new season in God would actually begin when God speaks. Even if its on August 6th at 2:13PM in the afternoon of <u>any</u> year.

What does it take on our part to participate in the New Thing or Season?

Answer #1: Listen to what God is saying! As God doesn't do anything without saying it first.

This leads me to the second thing we need to understand about entering into New Seasons with God.

Prayer & Fellowship

Jeremiah 29:12 – Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you.

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Prayer will enable us to tap into the plan of God, for this season.

Mark 13:33 - Take ye heed, <u>watch and</u> <u>pray</u>: for ye know not when the <u>time</u> is.

Prayer will give you an opportunity to hear what God is saying. Hearing God is necessary in order to get the wisdom that we need for our times.

Repentance

A third thing that we need to understand about entering into a new season is the power of Repentance.

Repentance – A changed mindset, or a change of direction. Repentance is not exclusive to sin, but also repentance from a direction from which we were headed that is contrary to God's present will.

Repentance is key to entering new seasons. Listen to this illustration from the book of Mark chapter one and verse fifteen.

Mark 1:14-15

Mark 1:14 - Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, <u>preaching</u> <u>the gospel of the kingdom of God</u>, Vs 15 - And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

Can you see the power of repentance here? Turn from the direction you are headed and towards the WORDS of the Kingdom Gospel. More keys to entering a new season is available through our book entitled; Times and Seasons; and can be acquired here.



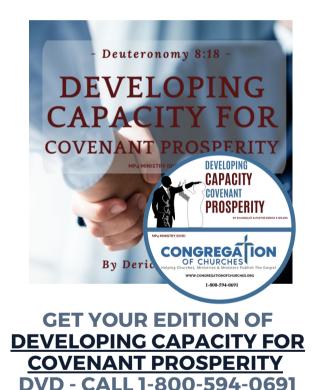


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Article 02

Truth And Freedom

John 8:26 - I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him. Vs 27 - They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Vs 28 - Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that <u>I do nothing of myself; but as my</u> <u>Father hath taught me, I speak these things</u>. Vs 29 - And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for <u>I do always those things that please him</u>. Vs 30 - As he spake these words, many believed on him. Vs 31 - Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, <u>If ye continue</u> in **my word**, *then* are ye my <u>disciples indeed</u>; Vs 32 - And <u>ye shall know the truth</u>, and <u>the truth</u> shall <u>make you free</u>.

In thinking about TRUTH and FREEDOM, we will see that their is a divine connection between the two words. The measure of freedom of which you are able to walk in, is directly connected to the measure of truth you have in you and that you are walking in. (3 John 1:3-4)

There is a measure (spiritual measure) of freedom that belongs to you as a covenant right upon the NEW BIRTH experience. You are FREE in Christ Jesus, PERIOD. Yet, there is a <u>manifested</u> measure of freedom which you'll be able to tap into, as you navigate the process labeled the RENEWING OF THE MIND. Through the renewing of the mind, we become acculturated to the TRUTH of God's Word and can experience the freedom which belongs to us in Christ Jesus in this physical realm.



It's worth noting that there are two types of truth to consider.

There is SENSE KNOWLEDGE TRUTH and then there is also SPIRITUAL or BIBLICAL TRUTH.

Sense knowledge truth as originally found in the Garden of Eden with Adam, was perfect. Sense knowledge truth is good as long as it doesn't contradict bible truth.

When God originally created the sense knowledge realm, it was already in agreement with Heaven and God's Word. Yet, after the fall of mankind, the sense knowledge realm was affected by satanic influence. The physical senses then dropped below the level of God's original intent for truth. Obviously, there is good sense knowledge truth, and then there is a time when sense knowledge truth must be brought into subjection to bible truth.

Sense knowledge truth is limited; while Bible truth is unlimited.

There are statements I could make which are true statements, which could be validated with evidence in the sense realm. For example; It's true that I have a chair in my home. That can be proven. Yet, that is not an eternal truth. At some point, the chair will pass away. However, the Word of God is <u>eternal</u> truth and will last forever.

What is Truth?

Jesus said that He was truth. (John 14:6) Jesus said that His Word is truth. (John 17:17) Jesus said that God's Spirit is truth. (John 16:13,17)

The Apostle John said that truth should be an abiding force and that we should be walking in truth,

God's Word is how we measure what truth is.

Truth is the standard by which reality is measured.

God's Word is truth!

God's Word of Truth has the ability to separate us from anything contrary to His Word. (John 17:17)

According to our text, Jesus said that the truth would make His disciples free.

A disciple is a follower of a teaching, a disciple is a learner, a disciple is a student, a disciple is a doer of the Word.

Yet, Jesus said something intriguing about this specific disciple. He said if you'd CONTINUE in the Word, you'd be His DISCIPLES-INDEED.

John 8:31 – Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, <u>If ye continue</u> in <u>my word</u>, <u>then</u> are ye my <u>disciples indeed</u>; Vs 32 – And <u>ye shall</u> <u>know the truth</u>, and <u>the truth</u> shall <u>make you</u> <u>free</u>.

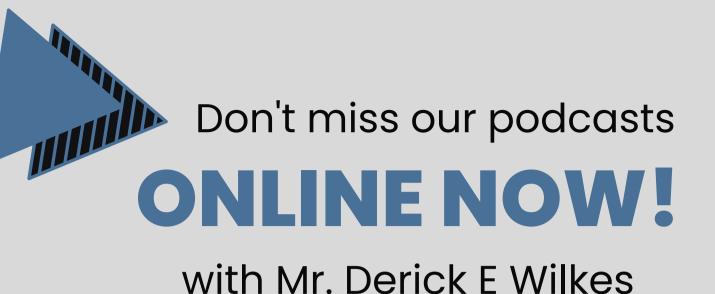
According to Jesus, you cannot be free until you <u>know</u> the truth and you wont <u>know</u> the truth unless you are a disciple indeed, ...and you cannot be a disciple indeed unless you continue in the word.

Don's stop at <u>becoming</u> a disciple; we must CONTINUE in the Word. It's the "CONTINUING" which would bring us into a place of KNOWING... and it's the knowing or intimacy which brings us into manifested measures of freedom.

Glory to God!

That's all for now!

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BONUS ARTICLE



The Spirit of Seeing and Knowing

Article

by Derick E Wilkes Evangelist and Pastor

God has enabled His people to see and know things that the person outside of Christ cannot see or know without Him. There are things which God has hidden for us. He has hidden many things for us and not from us. In order to see and know what God has hidden for us, it will require prayer and fellowship with him in order to tap into His wisdom.

When you think of seeing and knowing, what comes to mind?

Eyes and a mind; So then, let's begin to study from that perspective.

Let's read a few verses from the book of Ephesians chapter one and verses sixteen through eighteen.

Ephesians 1:16 - Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; **Vs 17** - That *the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him*: **Vs 18** - The <u>eyes</u> of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may <u>know</u> what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

As part of the Apostle Paul's prayer, he prays that the eyes of your heart would enlightened that you would know ... It's by the Spirit of God that we can know.

Seeing and Knowing Cont ...

God's presence within us, enables us to **see** and **know**. Look with me at the book of John chapter sixteen and verses thirteen through fifteen.

John 16:13-15 - Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will <u>shew</u> you things to come.



Vs 14 - He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall <u>shew</u> it unto you.
Vs 15 - All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall <u>shew</u> it unto you.

You'll notice two major things that Jesus said of His disciples, (ONE) that they would have God's Spirit within themselves and (TWO) that God's Spirit would **show** ...

The reason we can **know** is because of the **showing** which comes from God's Spirit, which certainly involves fellowship with the father.

Here's an important consideration; You have two sets of eyes. You have natural or physicals eyes, with which to see temporal or natural things and you also have spiritual eyes or we could say the eyes of the heart which enables you to see spiritual things or the things which God is showing you at the heart level. You need to know that You are a spirit being, and you possess a soul which is comprised of a <u>mind</u>, <u>will</u>, <u>emotions</u>, which include your imaginations. Your soul is within your spirit and you live inside that body. A triune man! When God shows you something from within your spirit, you are able to see what he showing or saying in your minds eye through the power of the imagination.

Be mindful to pray and see.

Be mindful to anticipate seeing and knowing in prayer and fellowship with the father.

Seeing and Knowing Concludes.

Listen to these words from the book of First Corinthians, chapter two and verses fourteen, and then nine through twelve.

1 Corinthians 2:14 - But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **<u>neither</u>** can he <u>know</u> them, because they are <u>spiritually</u> discerned.

We can see from verse fourteen, that the natural man cannot see, comprehend or understand spiritual things, as they are spiritually discerned. (Also see John 14:17)

Now, lets read verses nine through twelve.

1 Corinthians 2:9 - But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, (NATURAL MAN"S EYES) nor ear heard, (NATURAL MAN"S EAR"S) neither have entered into the heart of man, (NATURAL MAN"S HEART) the things which God hath prepared for <u>them</u> that love him.
Vs 10 - But God hath revealed them unto <u>us</u> by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. Vs 11 - For what man <u>knoweth</u> the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God <u>knoweth</u> no man, but the Spirit of God. Vs 12 - Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that <u>we</u> might <u>know</u> the things that are freely given to us of God.

Because we have God's Spirit within our spirit, we are enabled to be in the know...|

Jesus operated in the spirit of SEEING and KNOWING. He saw what the father was doing from within and He heard what the father was saying and consequently was in the know. He was not operating in His Godhead powers although He is and was the son of God. What does this show you and I? We can operate also in the spirit of seeing and knowing as we fellowship with the father.

Glory to God!

That's all for now!

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Consider An Offering

Mark 4:26 - And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; Vs 27- And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

When speaking of seed where the kingdom of God is concerned; Jesus said that the seed is the Word of God.

Luke 8:11 - Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

When we speak of sowing seed, and when the bible speaks of sowing seed, specifically in the book of Mark chapter four where it deals with the parable of the sower and the soils, Jesus refers to the seed as the Word of God being sown into the hearts of men.

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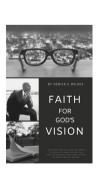


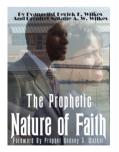
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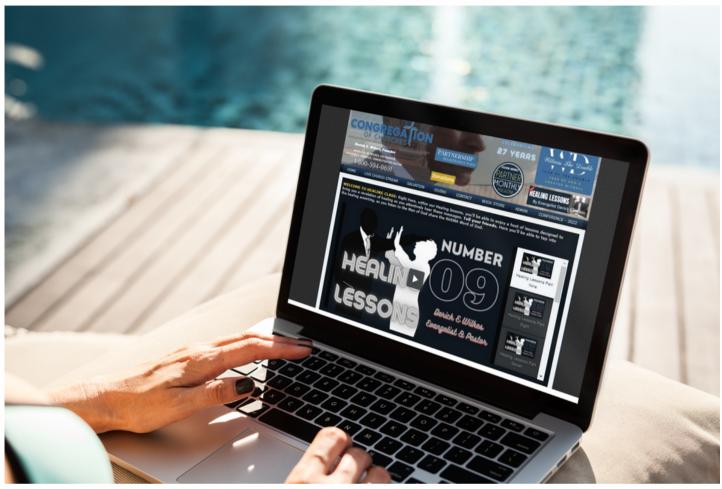
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