

RENEWAL ALIGNED WITH TRUTH

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In this session, we will look at the importance of knowing the truth, loving the truth, and obeying the truth. Genuine renewal comes when the Holy Spirit aligns our mind, heart and actions with the truth of God's Word.

1. Renewal comes when the Holy Spirit aligns us with truth

Titus 3:3-5

“For we too were once foolish, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we did in righteousness, but in accordance with His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit. “ (NAS)

2. Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to remind us of truth (John 14:26; Hebrews 1:3)

3. Transformation comes from renewing our mind (Romans 12:1-2)

4. Examples of renewal according to truth

5. We are renewed by knowledge of God, not knowledge of self (Colossians 3:10)

6. The truth is sourced in the Word of God - The Bible

7. Humbly ask the Holy Spirit to align our mind, heart, and actions to biblical truth.

8. We need to: Know the Bible, Love the Bible, Obey the Bible

9. We cannot just emphasize one; we must have all three:

- Know
- Love
- Obey

10. A biblical prayer to know, love, and obey (Pray Philippians 1:9-10 daily over yourself & your family)

Philippians 1:9-10

“And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may discover the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ. “ (NAS)

Bible literacy tips that position us to be renewed by the Word

12. Psalm 119:103-107

How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! From Your precepts I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn and I will confirm it, that I will keep Your righteous judgments. I am exceedingly afflicted; Revive me, Lord, according to Your word.

Reflect:

Is there one thought or phrase that stood out to you most in today's session? If so, why?

Read aloud all of Psalm 119. Write in your journal the verses that speak to your heart? What is the Lord asking you to do? What changes will you make?

Prayer:

“Lord, help us to fall in love with the Bible. We know that the words in this book are words that reveal your heart and character. The Bible shows us who You are, who we are and Your divine plan for humankind. We choose this day to know the Bible, love the Bible and obey the Bible. We know we can do nothing without the power of the Holy Spirit. We thank you that He is our Teacher, Helper, Guide, Advocate and Intercessor. We thank you for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation as we study Your word. We thank you for the freedom we will discover as we meditate upon Your precepts. We love you. In Jesus Name. Amen.

My Notes: