

Welcome to Promise Land Bible Church
We're glad you're here!





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.



Call to Worship
Psalm 147:1-6

Psalm 147:1-6 Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; **he gathers the outcasts** of Israel. He **heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds**. He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and **abundant in power**; his understanding is beyond measure. The LORD **lifts up the humble**; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn 323



Come Holy Spirit

Hymn 150



Receiving of the Offering



2 Cor. 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“Suppose a nation in some distant region should take the Bible for their only law book, and every member should regulate his conduct by the precepts there exhibited! Every member would be obligated in conscience, to temperance, frugality, and industry; to justice, kindness and charity towards his fellow men; and to piety, love, and reverence toward Almighty God ... What a Utopia, what a paradise would this region be.”

JOHN ADAMS

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the book's pages.

Today's Message

“Know the Truth”

Scripture text: John 8:31-38

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "**If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**"

John 18:37-38 Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose **I have come into the world--to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.**" Pilate said to him, "**What is truth?**" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

The question that Pilate asked, is still being asked today ... what is TRUTH?

Is it objected or subjected?

Objected Truth is fixed, it can not change, it is an absolute fact.

Subjected Truth changes with the culture, opinions, and is based on an individual preference or taste, not an absolute!

A question that has to be answered ... can truth contradict itself?

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**

This is an exclusive statement, i.e. Jesus is the only answer. There is no other path, no other way, no other means or substitute, which mankind can be saved.

Act 4:12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is **no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**"

Just When You Think Things Can't Get Much Worse, Here Comes '**Christian Witchcraft**' And 'Divine Magick'

Despite biblical warnings against the practice of witchcraft, the Rev. Valerie Love, who describes herself as a **practicing Christian witch** and an ordained minister of spiritual consciousness, is insisting that there is nothing wrong with Christians being witches and has recently launched a school to help Christians tap into magic.

<http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/just-when-you-think-things-cant-get-much-worse-here-comes-christian-witchcraft-and-divine-magick/>

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the **works of the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, **sorcery**, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. **I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

Revelation 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, **sorcerers**, idolaters, and all liars, **their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."**

Rick Warren's Chrislam Starts To Spread In America

Rick Warren, founder and pastor of Saddleback Community Church in Orange County California, addressed the convention of the Islamic Society of North America. **Warren stated that Muslims and Christians must work together to combat stereotypes, promote peace and freedom, and solve global problems. Christians and Moslems – faith mates, soul mates and now work mates! Chrislam!**

<http://www.nowtheendbegins.com/chrislam-starts-to-spread-in-america/>

Quote of the Day: “Before we “shake your hand” in responding to your letter, **we ask forgiveness of the All-Merciful One and of the Muslim community around the world.**” – Rick Warren, one of the main signers of the [Yale Covenant For Islam and Christian Unity](#)

Say what!!!!

Is Jesus Christ the way and the truth and the life or not? If so, how can anyone add to what God has done in Christ Jesus?

Can you be a Christian and something else that is contrary to His Holy Word?

A Christian Muslim?

A Christian Buddhist?

A Homosexual Christian?

A Christian Witch?

Etc.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**

Do NOT put a question mark, where God puts a period.

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, **that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom you have sent.

John 17:17 Sanctify them in the truth; **your word is truth.**

John 1:14 And **the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

John 15:4-8 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, **unless you abide in me.** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, **for apart from me you can do nothing.** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **If you abide in me, and my words abide in you,** ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.**

8:31–32. Jews who had believed Him indicates that **some paid attention to Jesus' words without necessarily committing themselves to Him personally** (cf. 6:53). It was possible to “believe” in the message of repentance and the coming kingdom **without being born again.**

Continuing in the truth is the sign of true followers and learners (disciples). If they really grasped His message, they would find **salvation truth. Knowing this salvation truth** would liberate them **from their bondage in sin.**

James 2:19-23 You believe that God is one; you do well. **Even the demons believe--and shudder!** Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? You see **that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works;** and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, **"Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"--and he was called a friend of God.**

John 6:53-58 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For **my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood **abides in me, and I in him.** As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. **This is the bread that came down from heaven,** not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

Matthew 4:1-4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And **after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.** And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**"

John 6:26-29 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, **not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.** Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, **which the Son of Man will give to you.** For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "**This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**"

Luke 24:27 And beginning with **Moses and all the Prophets**, he interpreted to them in **all the Scriptures** the things concerning himself.

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is they that bear witness about me,**

Take this Book and distill it into one word--and that one word will be JESUS! The Bible itself, is but the body of Christ, and we may look upon all its pages as the swaddling bands of the infant Savior--for if we unroll the Scripture, **we come upon Jesus Christ Himself.**

Where is Christ in your theological system? He Himself is . . . the Doctor and Doctrine, the Revealer and Revelation, the Illuminator and the Light of men.

He is exalted in every word of truth, because He is its sum and substance.

He sits above the gospel, like a prince on His own throne.

Doctrine is most precious, when we see it distilling from His lips and embodied in His person.

Sermons are only valuable, in proportion as they speak of Him and point to Him!

John 7:15-19 The Jews therefore marveled, saying, "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" So Jesus answered them, "**My teaching is not mine, but his who sent me.** If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority. **The one who speaks on his own authority seeks his own glory; but the one who seeks the glory of him who sent him is true,** and in him there is no falsehood. Has not Moses given you the law? **Yet none of you keeps the law.** Why do you seek to kill me?"

Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, **to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.** Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' **will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.

John 8:31-36 So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, **"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, **"Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."**

Take the Name of Jesus with You

Hymn 231

