

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Would We Risk Death to Own a Bible?****Would We Risk Death to Own a Bible?, on: 2013/8/10 18:26**

Revelation 6:9-10

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the alter the souls of those who had been slain because of the "word of God".and because of the "testimony which they had maintained". (quotes mine for emphasis)

The above verses are set in the time when Jesus will return. Those saints who follow Jesus are martyred because of the word of God and the testimony they maintain because of that word. What they are martyrs for the Bible? For sure they are martyred for Jesus as He is the Word of God (Rev.19:13). But one cannot separate Him who is the Word from His truth which came from His mouth and is found in the pages of what we call the Bible. Most notably the New Testament. So yes. These saints were martyred for the Bible.

We see this being carried out in places such as N. Korea. To be found possessing a Bible in N. Korea will send one to a merciful quick death with an AK47 bullet or a slower painful death in one of N. Korea's infamous death camps. It is said the average lifespan of a Bible courier evangelist is 3 to 6 months in N. Korea. Why do the N. Koreans fear the Bible so much? Indeed why do those who persecute believers fear the Bible?

What is the big deal? Why should anyone be put to death because of the Bible? Why was William Tyndale burned at the stake for translating the Bible into English? Why are believers around the world persecuted around the world for having a copy of the Bible?

The Bible is truth. It is God's truth set against a world system of lies controlled by Satan. Satan lies. God speaks truth. Jesus resisted the temptations and lies of Satan with the truth of God's word. How much more should we?

The persecuted value the word so much they will die to own a copy of blessed truth. I have read stories and seen pictures of precious saints who have never owned a copy of God's word crying tears of joy when presented with a copy of God's word. Our response is generally "yawn" well what else is new?

In Eritrea scraps of scripture on pieces of paper are far more precious than food itself. Our response "yawn" so what else is new?

The persecuted will die for having Bibles. But we in America? I think we would die for a theology book or position than for the Bible itself. But then does it really matter? We probably don't believe what is in the Bible.

I have often said that Satan does not have to remove our Bibles. We do not bother to read it as it is?

Will we die for the word. Probably not. But I would sure loved to be proved wrong on this.

My thoughts.

Bearmaster.

**Re: Will we die for the Word? - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2013/8/10 22:40**

The only people who will die for the Word are those who have first come to live for it. It will be a no brainer when that time comes.

And that time is quickly speeding its way into American culture. I am appalled daily by how eager this people gobbles up the idea that being enslaved by an all-powerful government system is such a good idea.

And everything in Christianity opposes this, the two cannot abide.

Showdown coming!

Re: Jude 1:3 - posted by Lafforgue (), on: 2013/8/12 19:35

Hearing from God  
Sunday, June 23, 2013

HISTORY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE  
A FEW GAIL A. RIPLINGER NOTES:  
MOVING ON TO  
THE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE BIBLE  
SOMETHING CALLED Ben Chayyim  
PROBABLY WRITTEN ABOUT 1500 YEARS AGO;  
THE RABBINIC BIBLE.  
1937 RUDOLF KITTEL CHANGED  
THE TRADITIONAL HEBREW BIBLE.  
RUDOLF KITTEL WAS ANTI-SEMITIC  
.. HE DID NOT LIKE  
JEWISH PEOPLE....  
..SO MUCH SO THAT RUDOLF KITTELS  
SON ;  
GEARHARD KITTEL WAS TRIED  
AND CONVICTED  
OF WAR CRIMES AGAINST THE JEWS.

INSIGHT ON THE HEART OF GEARHARD KITTEL:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerhard\\_Kittel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerhard_Kittel)

Gerhard Kittel

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Gerhard Kittel

(September 23, 1888, Breslau –

July 11, 1948, Tübingen)

was a German Protestant theologian,  
lexicographer of biblical languages,  
and open anti-Semite. He is best known  
in academic circles for his

Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament  
(Theological Dictionary of the New Testament).

The son of acclaimed

Old Testament scholar

Rudolf Kittel,

he married Hanna Untermeier

in 1914, but there were no children from the  
union.

In May 1933 he joined

the National Socialist

German Workers Party.

A Professor of Evangelical Theology  
and New Testament at the University  
of Tübingen, he published "scientific"  
studies depicting the Jewish people as  
the historical enemy of Germany, Christianity,  
and European culture in general.

From 1940 to 1943 he actively assisted in  
the mass murder of Jews in Poland.

In 1945, after Hitler's Third Reich capitulated  
to the Allies, Kittel was arrested by the  
French occupying forces, removed from  
office and interned at Balingen.

William F. Albright wrote the

International War Crimes Tribunal in  
Nuremberg in early 1946,

"In view of

the terrible viciousness of his attacks  
on Judaism and the Jews,  
which continues at least until 1943,  
Gerhard Kittel must bear the guilt  
of having contributed more, perhaps,  
than any other Christian theologian  
to the mass murder of Jews by Nazis.

" Nonetheless, in 1946 Kittel was released  
pending his trial. He was forbidden to enter  
Tübingen until 1948, however.

From 1946 to 1948 he was a Seelsorger (soul carer)  
in Beuron. In 1948 he was allowed back into Tübingen,  
but died that year before the criminal proceedings  
against him could be resumed.

Literary works

Die Oden Salomos überarbeitet oder einheitlich, 1914

Jesus und die Rabbinen, 1914

Die Probleme des palästinensischen Spätjudentums und das Urchristentum, 1926

Urchristentum, Spätjudentum, Hellenismus, 1926

Die Religionsgeschichte und das Urchristentum, 1932

Founder and co-editor of the "Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Neuen Testament", 5 vols., 1933-1979

Ein theologischer Briefwechsel mit Karl Barth, 1934

Christus und Imperator, 1939

RUDOLF KIDDEL WAS HITLER SORT  
OF HIGH PRIEST HIS PROPAGANDA MAN  
... HE WROTE THE PROPAGANDA BRAINWASHING  
AS TO WHY THE JEWS SHOULD BE KILLED...

SO NOW THEN WE HAVE THE SON OF RUDOLF KITTEL;  
GEARHARD KITTEL, WHO CHANGED THE OLD TESTAMENT  
HENCE WE HAVE THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION  
HAVING THE Ben Asher,  
UNDERLYING THE OLD TESTAMENT.  
IT REPLACED THE ORIGINAL  
Ben Chayyim TEXT THAT UNDERLINED  
THE OLD TESTAMENT.

The Ben Asher; the false text was created in 1937  
at the peak of anti-Semitism WHEN THE GERMANS  
ARE BEGINNING TO KILL THE JEWS.

A GOOD QUESTION: WHY WOULD WE WANT AN  
OLD TESTAMENT WRITTEN BY;  
PEOPLE THAT HATE THE JEWS?

GEARHARD KITTEL CAME ALONG AND WROTE  
THE THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARY  
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

NOW THE TEN VOLUME WORD THAT GIVES  
ALL THE ETYMOLOGY FOR ALL GREEK WORDS  
IN THE NEW TESTAMENT ..

GEARHARD BROUGHT ALL THE PAGAN  
VIEWS INTO THE LEXICAL INFORMATION

... SO THEN WHEN WE BUY A LEXICON  
WE ARE GETTING RUDOLF KITTELS PAGAN  
NOTIONS AND NOT THE HISTORIC  
JUDEO CHRISTIAN VIEWS.

SO THE ULTRA LIBERAL HALF PAGAN-  
HALF CHRISTIAN LEXICON AGREES WITH  
THE NEW VERSIONS OF THE BIBLE AND  
THE REASON IT AGREES IS BECAUSE  
THE NEW BIBLES ARE FILLED WITH  
THE LIBERAL PAGAN IDEAS.  
SO THE NEW KING JAMES VERSION  
COMPLETELY DROPS:  
THE Ben Chayyim  
RABBINIC BIBLE ;  
AND FOLLOW the Stuttgart Edition  
NOW YOU CAN LOOK ON  
THE FRONT OF THE BIBLE AND SEE  
IT IS the Stuttgart Edition  
BY RUDOLF KITTEL ....  
AND HIS SON  
GEARHARD KITTEL WROTE  
THE THEOLOGICAL DICTIONARY  
OF THE NEW TESTAMENT...  
THESE COMBINED WORKS  
COME FROM ANTIEMETIC MEN...  
IF YOU LOOK AT;  
ENCYCLOPEDIA JUDAICA 1971  
LOOK UP RUDOLF KITTEL :  
#1 antiemetic tendencies  
#2 contributions of humanistic  
mystery religions in his thinking  
NOTE WHO IS WRITING THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA  
INFORMATION THESE ARE JUST  
SECULAR SCHOLARS WRITING ABOUT A MANS  
LIFE ; WHAT DOES HE THINK,  
WHAT DOES HE BELIEVE?  
ITS NOT MUCH ITÂ'S A MERE DROP OF WATER  
TO THE NOTES GAIL RIPLINGER HAS PUBLISHED  
IN HER BOOKS FOLLOWING HER SIX YEAR STUDY  
OF THE SOUND DOCTRINE AND ITS FALL  
INTO ENEMY HANDS...  
PLEASE BE AWARE ... AND PLEASE FEEL FREE  
TO RESEARCH ON YOUR OWN....  
WHILE YOU STILL CAN... IN JESUS\* HOLY NAME AMEN  
" The Two Competing Hebrew Old Testament Texts"  
"There are two basic texts in existence in Hebrew,  
the false one, edited by Ben Asher,  
and  
the true one, edited by Ben Chayyim.  
The Ben Asher is exhibited in Rudolf Kittel's  
BIBLIA HEBRAICA (BHK) (1937) with all of  
his suggested footnote changes, as well as  
in the Stuttgart edition of BIBLIA HEBRAICA  
(BHS) (1967-77) with all of their suggested  
footnote changes.  
"The true text of Ben Chayyim on which  
our KING JAMES BIBLE is based is also  
available. It is called the Daniel Bomberg edition  
or the Second Great Rabbinic Bible (1524-25).  
This Ben Chayyim Masoretic Hebrew text  
was the unquestioned Hebrew text  
for the next 400 years. Nobody questioned it.

In fact, Rudolf Kittel, in his first two editions of 1906 and 1912, used that text in his BIBLIA HEBRAICA.

MY G.A. RIPLINGER NOTES STOP AROUND HERE:

The Ben Asher uses the Leningrad Manuscript (B19 a or "L or some letter following the 19?

RUDOLF KIDDEL TOOK THE LENINGRAD MANUSCRIPT 19 ? and changed it...

from that comes The Ben Asher....

AND I CANT SEEM TO PICK UP THE TRAIL OF WHERE I LEFT OFF AND SHE WAS HEADED...

ALL MY LEADS SEEM TO RUN TO DRY.

FOR THE MOST PART THESE NOTES

ARE TAKEN FROM AT TIMES

WORD FOR WORD FROM GAIL RIPLINGERS

VARIOUS ONLINE VIDEOS... I LISTENED

AND TYPED THEM OUT THAT WE MAY

BE ENLIGHTENED BY THEM..

IN CLOSING; THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN THESE

LAST DAYS IS YOUR SOUL SALVATION;

IF YOUR NOT SAVED TODAY IS THE DAY

OF SALVATION...

CALL OUT TO JESUS\* WHILE YOU HAVE BREATH

AND LIFE TO DO IT.

KNOWLEDGE SAVES NONE...

YOU CAN AND WILL TAKE IT WITH YOU TO HELL

IF YOU UNSAVED...

RECALL LUKE 16 THE RICH MAN

IN HELL HAD HIS MEMORY OF LIFE ON EARTH AND

WORRIED OVER HIS LOVES ONES UPON EARTH WHILE

HE BURNED IN THE FLAMES OF HELL

AND THE FATHER

ABRAHAM SAID UNTO THE RICH MAN ...

YOU HAD RECEIVED GOOD THINGS IN

YOUR LIFETIME

AND LAZARUS EVIL THINGS...

AND THE

RICH MAN COULD REFLECT

KNOWING THIS STATEMENT WAS TRUE...

WHALA- MEMORY IN HELL;

OUR MEMORY OUR KNOWLEDGE GAINED

GOES WITH US..

CASE AND POINT... KNOWLEDGE IS GOOD

BUT ITS NOT GOING TO SAVE US...

WE NEED A HEART

...A SINCERE HEART TO BE SAVED...

AND JESUS\* WILL HEAR OUR CRY

AND WE SHALL BE SAVED..

HALLELUJAH PRAISE AND THANK YOU JESUS\*

\* KNOWLEDGE IS GOOD....

GOD SAID; MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED

FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE...

\* YET KNOWLEDGE

WILL SAVE NONE

King James Bible (Cambridge Ed.)

MATTHEW 15:8

This people draweth nigh unto me with

their mouth, and honoureth me

with their lips;

but their heart is far from me.  
\*SALVATION IS ETERNAL LIFE  
UNTO YOU... AMEN

FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION  
ON THE SOUND DOCTRINE IN JEOPARDY :

<http://www.scionofzion.com/kjo.htm>

MORE ON PERVERSION OF THE SOUND DOCTRINE

<http://www.chick.com/ask/articles/nkjvtext.asp>

GAIL A. RIPLINGER HAS BOOKS FOR STUDY....

REVEALS NEW AGE BIBLE VERSIONS AND MORE.

[http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/New%20Age/new\\_age-riplinger.htm](http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/New%20Age/new_age-riplinger.htm)

PLEASE READ:

1611 King James Bible

OR

THE King James Bible PURE

CAMBRIDGE EDITION FOR SOUND DOCTRINE.

This is an online link for both Bibles

<http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1611-Bible/>

ONE DAY I HOPE TO SEE YOU IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOST HIGH GOD

THROUGH OUR SAVIOR JESUS\* CHRIST .... THE ONE WHO DIED ON THE CROSS AND ROSE UP FROM THE TO  
MB... HE WHO WAS DEAD AND YET LIVES...

THE HOLY LAMB OF THE ONE TRUE LIVING GOD THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.. IN JESUS\* CHRIST P  
RECIOUS HOLY NAME .. AMEN

Posted by Terri at 7:11 PM &&

**Re: ? - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2013/8/13 1:03**

Takes this conversation to a whole different level??

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2013/8/13 1:19**

Sidewalk wrote: ""Showdown coming!""

We won't even be able to peacefully assemble to protest what the Government is doing. How can we defend ourselves against 50 cal machine guns, tanks, F-18, C-131 gunships, etc. All I have is a 357 revolver, 12 gage shot gun and deer rifle. Unless God strengthen these old bones the shotgun and rifle would probably break my shoulder. Not much I can do to protect my family anymore.

We are becoming a progressive systematic America that will be completely controlled by the Government.

Do we want to fight our own soldiers, our own Police, which are becoming SWAT Police from hell. After they read this they will probably be knocking on my door.

What can we do? Pray? What good will that do? Will God intervene and protect His Body the Church, and His people Israel?

If Jesus does not come soon for the Church, we will be like Israel was in-slaved to Egypt for 300 years. I only have a few years left and it still scares me, not just for myself but for my 7 children 11 grandchildren to date. What future do they have.

How much can we count on God for provision? I know He can, but will He. Because who am I to give God instruction. I am nothing of myself, I am only something to God the Father because of the Son He has birthed in me. Maybe we will go through the Greatest Tribulation the world has ever known.

That does not comfort me. These words do; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

Are delivered from the wrath to come, or not?

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Is this comforting? Jesus did not fight as we know it, but He won. 30 years ago I could fight but not His way. Now I can do nothing but depend on God to do what is right for His body the church.

I guess I don't have enough faith to not be fearful. How will I finish the race, looking up and forward to the upward calling of Jesus Christ. In this I am so weak, I don't know if I could even say no to the mark if I were confronted with losing my and my families head if I don't take the mark. I thought He took all my stripes and am under no condemnation in Christ, I thought He died so I could live, etc.

That is why I believe in the pre-tribulation catching away translated into the Kingdom of God where He says all but the body is already with Christ in the Heavenly Places.

This is comfort to me. Lord please strengthen my faith and unbelief that I might stand in what ever you see fit for me to do and stand-fast.

This; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

or This; 1Co 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

Ga 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Php 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Php 4:1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

1Th 3:8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.

or This? But I won't do that.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: , on: 2013/8/13 1:27**

I would like to bring the thread back on track. Do we value the word to a degree that we would give our lives for it. If we were living in a nation hostile to Christ and owning a Bible was illegal. Indeed to own a Bible was a death sentence. Would we own one?

Indeed questions to ponder.

Bearmaster.

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2013/8/13 2:08**

Bearmaster you wrote:

""If we were living in a nation hostile to Christ and owning a Bible was illegal. ""

It will be soon.

Do you believe God will take us out of Egypt. How bad must it get before God hears our prayers of setting us free. No straw for bricks and the lash unending.

Could you because you got a bible stand and watch as your whole family lost their heads for most certainly they will make you and me watch.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: - posted by romanchog (), on: 2013/8/13 3:46**

Christinyou said: "Could you because you got a bible stand and watch as your whole family lost their heads for most certainly they will make you and me watch."

If you read 2 Maccabees 7 you will see an example of this exactly.

If they who did not have the Holy Spirit in them can do it, can we not through the Holy Spirit that is in us?

Yes, I agree with you, in our own strength we cannot die for the Word of God. But thanks be to God that we do not have to do it through our own strength.

You must also remember that God will give you the grace to do what you need at the moment that you need it, and not necessarily before. God our Father will, as Corrie Ten Boom used to say, give us the "ticket" right before we get on the train but not before.

All over the world today, Christians are experiencing this exact thing. There are many examples of this in the book just put out by Greg Gordon and available free at <http://gospelfellowships.net/principles-book/> in Principles 39-60. Reading it will make you weep, but it will also encourage you in what you are asking here.

I understand your fear. I am a widow with children and I fear what will happen if I have to run in a time of persecution. Who will protect us? It is my children who always remind me: The LORD will.

In Christ,

Natalie

**Re: - posted by enid, on: 2013/8/13 7:24**

Maccabees? The Apocrypha?

No thanks.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/8/13 9:02**

QUOTE:

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"If we were living in a nation hostile to Christ and owning a Bible was illegal. Indeed to own a Bible was a death sentence. Would we own one?"

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Good question, but one whose answer is elusive because one really does not know until it happens. Still, it is a good question that deserves serious consideration.



Let us consider the history of the church. How many in the past have owned a Bible? It was not until Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press in the 1450s that the scriptures were made available to the masses. For over 1450 years masses of God's people did not have access to the written word. So, then, how did they live apart from it? Illiteracy was rampant as well. How did they survive spiritually?

My point is one does not have to own or be in possession of the written word to have a vibrant walk with the LORD. Now, would I die so I can be in physical possession of one? If owning a Bible could impart holiness to its possessor the USA should be the most holiest of all nations but it's not so.

Would I die to own a Bible? Seems to be the greater issue should be walk close with the LORD NOW...

My thoughts...

**Re: Ginny, on: 2013/8/13 9:49**

Sister precisely the point I am raising. Greg posted on another thread that those in restricted nations will pay any price to own a Bible. But herein lies the difference. Those in other nations will read it. We in America have Bibles galore. But we are not reading them. And obeying them. How can we obey God if we do not pick up the word to read or listen to it.

Someone posted in this forum about the popularity of The Shack. This book for a time was more popular than the New Testament. Someone forgot to tell the persecuted that as they ask first for prayer and then for Bibles.

Should we be put in prison what will be the book that will comfort us? Well, it ain't portions from The Shack or Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion that appear on scraps of paper to encourage precious saints imprisoned in Eritrea.

Even in your own Mennonite tradition the Anabaptist were put to death because of their love for the Word. And we see the same thing happening in other parts of the world even today.

Bearmaster.

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/8/13 10:46**

This topic really confuses me I will admit. I don't think I understand what you are trying to share. Our walk, our relationship is with CHRIST HIMSELF. We have the HOLY SPIRIT within us so if someone asked for my Bible I would give it to them knowing there was a possibility they might read it and come to know JESUS. I am thankful for being able to read the Bible but I love the LORD JESUS with all my heart. I don't see the Bible as being equally as important as knowing JESUS HIMSELF??? It's about relationship.

I will continue to read through the things shared and pray upon these things.

God bless  
mj

**This thread is really about Devotion - posted by havok20x, on: 2013/8/13 15:01**

Bearmaster, man I really like you. A lot of what you post seems to be stuff that I have been thinking about for a long, long time. Thanks. Correct me if I am wrong about what I think your saying, brother.

I believe that this is more about devotion than anything else. Most people who claim to be Christians are going to say "Yes! I would give me life." However, they don't take up their crosses daily and follow Christ. If they can't lay down their lives when it is good, how would they EVER lay down their lives when things are going bad?

MaryJane--Of course our relationship with Jesus Christ is the focal point of our faith and not The Scriptures. The scriptures didn't die on the cross for us. HOWEVER, that doesn't mean that they are unimportant. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. It should be something that is precious to us. However, eternal life is found in Jesus Christ. The pharisees believed that in the scriptures was eternal life, but Jesus said clearly that it was in Him. I don't think that Bearmaster is saying that the scriptures are more important than Christ. I don't think he was even hinting at that.

The scriptures should be precious to us. They should be very, very precious to us. "How sweet are Your words to my ta

ste, sweeter than honey in my mouth." "Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path." "Sanctify them by your truth. Your word is truth." Again, precious to us.

In my church, there is a lack of love for the word of God. I strive and pursue to teach them the word, teach them to teach their children, and teach them to teach others. However, it is difficult, because I, myself, still do not treasure the word as I ought to.

Truthfully, I think there are 2 main reasons that this is an issue. 1) Many really don't know the Lord. 2) We who do know the Lord, do not seek boldness to proclaim the truth, no matter the cost. I am included in that.

There would be persecution in the USA if people would stand up for the truth and live godly lives in Christ Jesus.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/8/13 15:10**

MaryJane,

You got the point...

The point also is that many in history past died because they possessed the written WORD. The question Blaine raised was would we be willing to die for the privilege of owning a copy. Make sense? Coming from a Catholic background you may not be aware how the Catholic and later the Lutheran/Reformed church oppressed other Believers to the point of killing them because they disagreed with them. Ownership of the written word fueled this opposition. If you want to control people, keep them ignorant!

(Who knows? maybe one of your ancestors killed one of mine - although I do not know if any of my ancestors were killed for their faith. But who cares?)

Still, one's walk with the LORD is not dependent on owning the written WORD. Since we do not know how much longer we will have our copies we do well to study it well now.

Richard Wurmbrand has a wonderful testimony of his walk with the LORD while in solitary confinement. Ever read it? If you want to be challenged, read it! I sure hope to God we will never have to experience the tortures he did! But he remained faithful, and how was that accomplished? Take a read...

God bless...

**Re: This thread is really about Devotion, on: 2013/8/13 15:47**

Havok you articulated what I am trying to say beautifully.

Bearmaster.

**Re: Ginny, on: 2013/8/13 15:49**

Sister you answered MaryJane far better than I could.

Bear or Blaine

**Re: Retitled Thread, on: 2013/8/13 16:13**

I have retitled this thread to clarify the OP. Let me state up front that our relationship is with the Living Word. And the Living Word is Jesus Himself. This thread is not about bibliotry or worshipping the Bible.

However you can never, I say again "never" "never" separate the Living Word of Jesus Christ from His written word. Jesus never did this. In John 8:31 Jesus told those who believed in Him that if they continued in His word they would know the truth that would set them free. Then He says in John 8:36 that if the Son makes you free you will be free indeed. Thus the Son who is the Living Word is never separated and linked to the living word of Scriptures.

Can one grow without possessing or owning a Bible. Yes, but with challenges. We read of those in persecuted lands who receive Christ. But they grow with only parts of the Bible. Maybe fragments of it gently torn and passed around from saint to saint. Often the pastors in the underground church in restricted nations will not have access to a Bible. Thus wh

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When a persecuted believer gets a Bible it becomes their most cherished possession. There are precious Chinese saints in their 80's who have never owned a Bible. They have followed Christ for decades. When one of those dear saints gets a Bible tears of joy come to their eyes. This is how the persecuted view their Bibles.

One only wonders how we in the west value our Bibles?

Bearmaster.

**Re: Would We Risk Death to Own a Bible? - posted by docseth1 (), on: 2013/8/13 16:25**

I'm not sure if a question like this should be asked or answered. No one knows for sure what they would do in that type of circumstance. These sort of questions only serve to either bring about fear or cause us to be suspect of another believer's commitment to Christ.

Let's all pray for each other that we will all have the strength to stand if we are ever put to such a test.

**Re: Doseh, on: 2013/8/13 17:24**

Brother I beg to respectfully differ. We must ask ourselves this hard question. With believers in nations such as N. Korea, China, Eritrea, or any other restricted nation believers already have settled in their minds to risk imprisonment or even death to own a copy of Scriptures.

In view of this should we not ask ourselves the question to what extent do we value our Bibles. We who have access to the written word that the persecuted do not have. Yet we esteem our Bibles so little.

If we can not or will not ask ourselves this hard question. Then what was the sacrifice of William Tyndale all about?

Bearmaster.

**Re: - posted by havok20x, on: 2013/8/13 18:05**

Those who believe will indeed have the strength to stand.

"He who endures to the end shall be saved" --Jesus

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/8/13 18:52**

Philip,

Corrie ten Boom addressed your concerns in one of her books. When a child she asked her father a question whose answer was too mature for her mind, as I recall. However, his answer was one that came back to minister to her years later and it was in the context of suffering. It went something like this: "When do I give you your ticket for the train?" "Just before boarding." "You do not get it before because it is useless." Corrie said how this is the way God enables his children to endure: his grace will be there to strengthen one right at the moment when he needs it. This concept has come back to minister to me many times. It is useless to worry about what may happen...

Heard this last Sunday: "Fear God and you fear nothing else. Do not fear God and you fear everything else." ~Oswald Chambers. Profound.

Yes, I have to deal with fears, too. What I am saying I am reminding myself as well.

May we all be faithful and it starts with the little things.

God bless one and all.

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by docseth1 (), on: 2013/8/13 19:55**

Very good!

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2013/8/13 20:57**

Thy Word keeps me and no man can take me out of Thy hands.

Ps 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Ps 119:42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

Ps 119:43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

Ps 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Ps 119:74 They that fear thee will be glad when they see me; because I have hoped in thy word.

Ps 119:101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word.

Jer 34:5 But thou shalt die in peace: and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn odours for thee; and they will lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.

Lu 5:5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

Joh 17:6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

Joh 17:14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Re 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

What is the fulfillment of this Word.

Colossians 1:25-29 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Paul says to fulfill the Living Word, is for the Father to put the incorruptible Seed (Peter also) in the believer, that being, "Christ in you the Hope of Glory."

The dispensation, to fulfill the Word of God, the glory of the mystery, "Christ in you", perfect in Christ, "labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

The Living Word Himself speaks by the written Word of God, directed by the Holy Spirit and sealed until the redemption is complete and we are in the Father's House.

If I live in and for the Living Word Himself, I will never die. Who can take us out of His hand?

Where is fear in Christ? There should be none, by the Word alone, knowing we are Laboring and Striving according to His Working in us as none other can, This is the Word of God and it is in the Bible, of which I have many and would part with none of them in the circumstance in which I stand now. Unless needed for someone else's salvation.

In Christ: Phillip

Thanks Sandra

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2013/8/14 1:04**

Interesting thread and some great posts here. I was reminded of this vid of the Kimyal tribe receiving the New Testament for the first time:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7WvIHIEwcBg>

**Re: - posted by tbsounde2 (), on: 2013/8/14 2:21**

oracio, thank you so much for the link, you have no idea how incredibly blessed and encouraged i was by watching it, thank you

God is sooooo faithful!!!! Lord, You are amazing! How wonderful are Your ways!!!

**Re: Would We Risk Death to Own a Bible? - posted by enid, on: 2013/8/14 5:58**

Would we risk death to own a Bible?

Do we read the Bible we now own?

**Re: Thank you Oracio! - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2013/8/14 11:40**

My wife and I just watched that video! Going through a box of Kleenex...

**Re: Enid, on: 2013/8/14 13:23**

Sister I think you hit upon the question this thread is posing. Do we read the Bible we now own?

Bearmaster.

**Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2013/8/14 19:44**

Hard question.

I've kept a bible with me in my travels all through a country where it was indeed illegal, many, many times. But I never allowed the thought that I would be killed for having it to stick in my mind. I prefer to think that perhaps it will be taken away from me or perhaps I will be taken to jail, but I'm too much a coward to think I might be killed for it. I find that there is so much oppression in that place that I need to open my bible often for strength to remain faithful and for strength.

I have always had brothers and sisters pray for me and pray for the bible that traveled with me as I set out for my journey. God has always protected me.

If it came down to I must hand it over or die- well, I'd hand it over. God is able to put it into hands that will read it. He is also able to bring me another copy.

In fact, the first bible I read came from a missionary who had faith to bring the bible into that country I was in. After receiving the bible, I stuffed it in a closet only to forget about it for a year or so. No doubt, the person who gave it to me was led to bring in bibles knowing their possible fate.

I think it would be different if I knew that I had for example, one of the last bibles in print. I don't know how I would react in the face of death. I would hope, as one mentioned here that in that very moment I would have grace to stay strong, but it's impossible to say what any person would do. In any case, we must stay ever so close to God to be able to stand when that day comes. I trust He will lead us to know what to do in any given situation.

**Re: - posted by Oracio (), on: 2013/8/14 20:48**

Praise the Lord brothers and sisters! Glad to hear that the video was an encouragement to you as it was to me. May we really appreciate God's Word and seek to devour it all the more while we have opportunity.

**Re: , on: 2013/8/14 21:57**

I watched the video about the tribe receiving the New Testament for the first time and it was very moving. While in the YouTube page there was a short 6 minute VOM video about a brother in Laos who was imprisoned for his faith in Christ. The title of the video was Risking His life for a Bible. Very moving and gets to the heart of this thread.

I would post the link but do not know how. But use Oracio's link to the New Testament video and you will see the VOM video also. Both videos very good and should encourage us to value and devour the word of God.

Bearmaster.

**Re: Would We Risk Death to Own a Bible?, on: 2013/8/15 1:18**

VOM Video

Risking His Life for a Bible!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zRUVtlcdUs>

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/8/15 9:03**

Greetings ginnyrose

Thank you for your reply. I do find myself struggling with the importance that some place on owning and holding on to the Bible almost as if it is a treasure to them? Perhaps this is because I do know some who seem to hold on to their Bible as if it were an idol (if that is possible) This is something that has brought me to prayer before and I know will again and a gain as HE leads me. I do love reading my Bible and I am so thankful to have the blessing and privileged to own my Bible but I do think we must be careful in how we speak to others so that we do not come across as holding the Bible in the same place in our hearts as we do CHRIST HIMSELF! JESUS and my relationship with HIM is what gives life and that HE allows me to have the Bible to read is a blessing but if he should choose to take that away tomorrow I would still be blessed even more so because I would still have HIM and NO one can take HIM from me!! If everything in this world, in this life is taken from me and I am left sitting alone in the street with nothing but the shirt on my back and CHRIST JESUS then I still have all that I need! That is the heart I long to have and will continue to seek HIM for daily.

My heart rejoices with those who have suffered persecution and with tears receive the Bible to read for the first time and yet in some place in my heart I know these CHRISTIAN brothers and sisters have in many ways had a closer walk with CHRIST even without owning a Bible then I have in my life. This is the place I need to be asking and examining my heart on daily!

Thanks again for what you shared. I will continue to seek understanding and pray about this topic as it has come up on SI a few times now.

God bless you sis  
mj

**Re: Mary Jane, on: 2013/8/15 11:05**

Dear sister perhaps the following verses will help:

Job 23:12

I have "treasured" the words of His mouth more than any necessary food.

Psalms 119:11

Your word I have "treasured" in my heart that I may not sin against you.

My sister you wrote that some hang on to their Bibles as if it were a treasure to them. Mary Jane, for the persecuted, the Bible is a treasure far more precious than gold or physical food. This is not worshipping the Bible. But a source of life for the persecuted to be sustained in their walk with Christ.

Thus if the persecuted need the Bible. How much more do we need it.

Bear.

**Re: , on: 2013/8/15 11:12**

Mary Jane I would urge you or anyone else to check out the link to the VOM video posted by Armkelly a few posts back. It is the story of a Laotian brother who risked his life to have a Bible. The video is only 6 minutes long. But I believe will answer your questions.

Blessings to you dear sister. Do appreciate your heart for Jesus.

Bear.

**Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2013/8/15 15:15**

Yes, the videos are beautiful.

So moving to see people praising God. The tenderness and sincerity reminds me of Brother Yun's story of how he earnestly prayed for a Bible and then memorized it to teach others.

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/8/15 16:46**

Greetings Bear

I can see for the persecuted having their own Bible to freely read would be very dear to them and I understand that heart.

I think what the LORD is showing me is not to be overly concerned in "what if" situations. I can not say what I will do "if" someone should ever come and take my Bible from me because I have not been put in that situation. I only have the now to go off of and guessing or imagining what I would do in any kind of "if" situation I don't think the LORD would have for me. However I can pray for the heart to do whatever it is the LORD would have me to do in such a moment "if" it comes while I am still here and I think that is the best way I can answer the question as it is posed in the thread. Thank you for the topic truly it has caused me to search my heart and to seek HIM and that is always a good thing :)

God bless you  
mj

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2013/8/15 22:26**

Quote: ""Would We Risk Death to Own a Bible?""

Ga 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Php 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:20-24 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

This is as close as I can come to answer the original question. If Christ is to be magnified in this body of death, Then I must by faith believe that in what ever circumstance I am in, It is by His hand that leads me and gives me strength to follow Him, what ever the circumstance may be.

In Christ: Phillip

**Re: The Cost of Standing for the Truth, on: 2013/8/18 8:16**

On our PW call last night a brother shared that a Federal judge in New Mexico said Christians need to step away from the Bible. The judge spoke in the context of the LGBT agenda. His comment implied for Christians to accept this and reject the Bible.

Thus the issue is not merely owning and possessing a Bible that would bring death, but living by its truth. This will be the heart issue that may bring us imprisonment and death. We may be put into situations where we must speak the truth of Jesus Christ from our hearts into the lives of others. This may cost us.

As I reflect upon this thread I realize now it is not risking death to own a Bible. But rather risking death to live out the reality of the Bible in our heart. For this has been the testimony of martyrs past and present. Their testimony dipped in blood has been the reality of Jesus Christ in their lives.

From the bear den.

Bearmaster