

**JUNE 2024**

# "TRUTH"

**A SURE WORD  
FOR TODAY**



**Truth is like a mountain,  
It cannot be moved and it never changes**

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## UPDATE

I want to encourage all our subscribers to check out this month's "Subscribers Gallery." This month, we feature the Great Blue Herron. These birds are not easy to photograph because they do not like humans getting too close. Also, they are blah and not very photogenic.

However, Miss Linda broke the rules this month. I had just gotten out of the hospital and was not up to chasing birds, but I felt that because Miss Linda had stayed right by my side during my illness, she deserved an opportunity to go bird hunting while I sat in the car and slept.

Three hours later, she woke me up and told me she felt she had gotten some good photos. That was an understatement; they were amazing photos! Some of them, I dare say, could rival National Geographic's quality.

If you want to see all of them, you must subscribe. It is free and easy. Do it today!

## FEATURE ARTICLE: "The Fountain of Youth"

**WARNING: You are entering the "TRUTH ZONE". You may not like what you read. At times it may make you feel uncomfortable. That is not my goal. My goal is to speak truth that will provide spiritual guidance for you and your family in a time of great spiritual darkness.**

**You can be sure that what you read here will be TRUTH!**

There is an elderly lady Miss Linda and I try to visit at least once a month. For her age, she is in reasonably good health, and still sharp as a tack mentally. One day I said to her, "You are sure **looking good**", and with no hesitation she replied, "I hear that all the time. I just wish someone would tell me I'm **good looking**."

😂 It took me five minutes to stop laughing. 😂

Ever since that day I have been thinking about the fact that some people seem to age better than others. We have all seen people in their 60's that look 80, and others who are 80, but look 60. I know there can be many factors that contribute to this such as genes, how much time someone has spent in the sun, health issues etc. But, could there be something else that might enter in? I believe there is, and I would like to use my own life as an example of what that might be.

Both my wife and I have been blessed with long life. This month I turn 81 and in December Miss Linda turns 80. I cannot begin to tell you how many times people have expressed shock when we told them our age. I know we don't look like kids, but we most certainly don't look like 80 year olds either. God has been so good to us!

So, what is our secret? Are there things we have done that have helped us keep a younger appearance? I believe there are. We have always tried to stay out of the sun, and at the same time have tried to stay as active as possible, still taking hikes of two to four miles on cloudy days. But there is another major issue we believe has helped us stay young.

We have refused to live with bitterness and unforgiveness, because we are convinced they are killers. People may not know this, but the life of a pastor is not easy. Many times God's children do not act like God's children should. I could give many illustrations, but it would not be edifying so I will suffice to say that there have been many times we just needed to forgive and move on. Enough said!

We did this for our own welfare because we saw this truth in God's Word.

### **Ephesians 4:31 ISV**

31 Let all **bitterness**, wrath, anger, quarreling, and slander be put away from you, along with all hatred.

The word, "**bitterness**" literally means, "poison", and if you trace the origins of the Greek word you find it is also pictured as a tent peg being driven in. I don't see how those two are connected, but this I know, either one will hurt you and make you look old beyond your years. I also know this, forgiveness is a choice we make, and nothing or no one, can stop us from making it. The moment we forgive, the person who has wronged us is now rendered incapable of continuing to hurt us.

### **Game over!**

This brings us to one last question that needs to be answered. How do you know if you have truly forgiven? This has often been debated, but unnecessarily so because the answer is given in the next verse, and it is simple.

### **Ephesians 4:32 ISV**

32 And be kind to one another, **compassionate**, forgiving one another just as God has forgiven you in the Messiah.

When you think of the person who has wronged you, do you feel compassion for them? You may label that as "Mission Impossible", but I assure you, it isn't. Consider this, every day they have to live with what they have done. They have to carry it like a heavy stone strapped to their neck, and if that isn't enough, someday they will stand before God and all the hidden things will be revealed. There will be no covering it up, no lies, and no twisting of the truth. The thought of these realities cause me to have great compassion for them, and with that compassion comes my freedom.



**I have found the Fountain of Youth!**





## A MINUTE WITH MISS LINDA



### *“Learn From The Butterfly”*

Today we find ourselves in a critical era, where the stench of moral decay permeates the very fabric of our culture. As I survey our world, I am struck by the unsettling thought that this could be

akin to the pre-flood era or the days before God's wrath fell upon Sodom and Gomorra. Our world, indeed, has lost its moral compass, and all signs indicate things are only going to get worse.

Hollywood has undoubtedly contributed to this moral meltdown. Ben Shapiro has observed: "Hollywood is completely disconnected from reality, but they do have an impact on how people view morality. And that is why Hollywood remains a dangerous place for the creation of culture."

Yes, Hollywood has played a large part in shaping our culture, but believe it or not, there is another dimension to this that I consider far more sinister and dangerous than anything Hollywood has produced. We are warned of it in 1 John 4.

#### **1 John 4:5 Amplified Bible**

5 They [who teach twisted doctrine] are of the world and belong to it; **therefore, they speak from the [viewpoint of the] world [with its immoral freedom and baseless theories]**—demanding

compliance with their opinions and ridiculing the values of the upright]....

This verse is not talking about the toxic influence of Hollywood on our culture but rather about wicked, ungodly teachers who sneak into churches and corrupt by teaching damnable heresies. Without question, we live in a time when this is happening far more often than we want to admit. Because of this, it is essential that true Christians understand that the culture Hollywood promotes and false teachers accept is contrary to the message of the Bible.

#### **Romans 12:2 KJV**

2 And **be not conformed** to this world: but **be ye transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

This verse illuminates our divine calling, not just to resist the moral decay of our world, but to transcend it and radiate as beacons of the transformative power of the cross of Jesus Christ. Despite the prevalent dilution of the salvation message in many churches, they cannot deny that a true salvation experience should entail a profound, life-altering transformation. The old must perish for the new to emerge. Without death and burial, there can be no resurrection! The sinful nature of man must be crucified with Christ.

In nature, the butterfly provides a beautiful example that clearly illustrates what that transformation is supposed to look like.

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The butterfly comes from a caterpillar that crawled around on the forest floor, feeding on dead, decaying matter. After spending its entire life feeding on rot, it spins a cocoon around itself, dies, and decomposes. However, a few weeks later, a new creature emerges from that cocoon of death, a creature that no longer crawls around feeding on decay and rot but flies tirelessly for hours, free from the life the caterpillar lived. This is one of the greatest observable recreative miracles in all of nature and is a perfect picture of how our lives are to be transformed by Christ.

Unfortunately, some in the church today want us to believe that even though we have never died to sin and self and continue feeding on the decaying rot of this world, we are beautiful butterflies. Someone needs to read their Bible!

**Romans 6:5 KJV**

5 For **if** we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection...

If the message of salvation is altered to make it acceptable, it is no longer the true message of salvation. Likewise, Christianity that has been altered to make it acceptable to an ungodly culture is no longer true Christianity. It is now only a form of godliness that is weak, powerless, and unable to fulfill the glorious mission God has given it.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are in this world, but not of it. We have a divine calling to

transcend the moral decay that surrounds us and point a lost, dying world to the saving grace of our Lord. Let us not merely speak of God's love but boldly proclaim the true message of salvation, testifying to the life-changing power of the cross. We are called to be formidable obstacles to the devil, beacons of reason in a chaotic world, and an unwavering source of light that refuses to let darkness consume our world.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV**

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

**MAY WE NEVER FORGET WHO WE ARE,  
AND WHAT OUR CALLING IS!**



AND THAT MY FRIENDS IS THE TRUTH

# PROPHECY UPDATE

## "Am I Unbalanced?"

I have always tried to keep my teaching balanced, but recently I had a moment when I questioned if there was one area where I had failed to do this. Those of you who read this newsletter each month are probably aware that frequently I write about the rapture. And, how frequently might that be? Very frequently!

I have only kept the files from 2022 forward, but from 2022 to the present I found I had at least mentioned the return of Jesus or the rapture 18 times in 26 months. Here are some 2022 quotes.

### **JANUARY 2022**

"There is nothing else in the Bible that still must be fulfilled before Jesus can return. Let that sink deep into your soul and look up, your redemption is nearer than you think."

Hebrews 9:28 KJV

28...and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time.....

### **FEBRUARY 2022**

"I want to leave you with one more thought. Because I am certain the church will never experience the wrath of God, I think it is safe to say that we also may never see Ezekiel 38 come to pass while we are here. The rapture of the church will happen first and when He comes to fight for Israel we will be coming back with Him. Look up, saints of God!"

### **MARCH 2022**

"The hope of the rapture is the only ray of light I see in the future."

### **APRIL 2022**

"Have you made yourself available to Him? I promise if you do, when He comes, you will be ready and not be left behind!"

### **JULY 2022**

"I cannot help but believe that the rapture may be closer than any of us realize."

### **AUGUST 2022**

"We are living in a time when all signs point to the soon return of Jesus. I personally believe He will return sometime in the next 15 years, but I would not be surprised if He returned tomorrow."

### **OCTOBER 2022**

"This is a dark report but we can all find encouragement by remembering that .... the return of Jesus has also been prophesied. Keep looking up!"

### **NOVEMBER 2022**

Luke 21:35-36 KJV

35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

### **DECEMBER 2022**

"Right now I can only think of two major prophetic events that are yet to be fulfilled in this dispensation. The first would be Ezekiel 38-39, and the second would be the rapture of the church."

There you have it, there is more than enough evidence to prove my teaching is unbalanced. I plead guilty! There is only one problem; I am not the only one who is unbalanced. It seems to me I got most of my material from a teacher who taught 2000 years ago.

**You might want to think about that!**