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# Be The Salt

so tender and amazing. It was almost perfect.

And the mashed potatoes. Oh, those mashed potatoes! Those women sure knew how to cook! They were almost perfect.

Then there was the gravy. Oh, the gravy! Rich, brown goodness. It was almost perfect.

As I tasted each scrumptious dish, I realized zero salt had been added to anything. I casually looked around for a salt-shaker; none on our table. Glancing around the dining area, nada. Could I ask for some? Was there some holy Jewish rule requiring them to abstain from salt during the holiday? I really needed some salt, but would I offend everyone around us and ultimately the family who had generously invited Baptist guests? If I insulted all these kind Jewish friends, would NEVER be asked back!

I ate my roast, mashed potatoes, and rich brown gravy silently longing for pinches of salt.

As I finished, an older lady joined us, sitting straight across the table. She called out loudly to someone in the kitchen, "COULD YOU BRING US SOME SALT?" My eyes were big. "I can't have salt so I never think to put it out," she informed me. Dad gum it! Though everything was tasty, it would have been heavenly with a little bit of the white seasoning.

Salt is good for many things. It certainly adds flavor, is a preservative, relieves canker sores and/or

sore throats (a personal favorite). If you search the internet, you will find dozens of other uses such as deodorizing shoes (who knew?), cleaning silk flowers, deterring ants and dousing the flames of a grease fire.

In the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5, Jesus impressed on the disciples many important things. "You are the salt of the earth . . ." He told them. That goes for us as well. As followers of Christ, we add flavor to the world by sharing the good news of His love. We don't HAVE to be salt; we GET to be salt. According to faith-gateway.com, "Our purpose is to bring the taste of Heaven to earth wherever we go."

Remembering the need for salt at the synagogue and Jesus' Words, I have to ask: Am I adding flavor to the lives of others? Do my words and actions make others hungry to know Him? Do I live as a good example of Jesus, causing others to WANT to "Taste and see that the Lord is good," (Psalm 34:8)? If I ask Him, my Heavenly Father will show me what needs to change for me to be a better witness.

There are many types of salt: kosher, rock, seasoned, Himalayan, pickling and others. Each one, though different, is used to enhance flavor. Each follower of Christ, though different, can be used to point people to Him.

Be the salt God has called you to be!

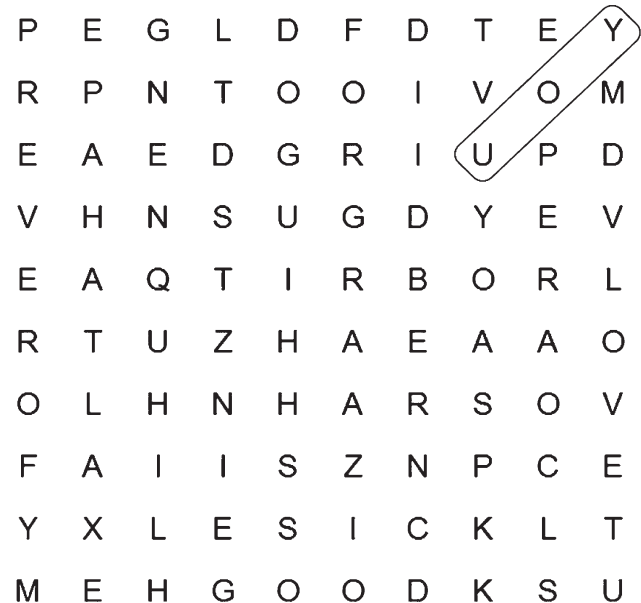
## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

Psalm 118:28-29

You are my **God**, and I will **praise** you; you **are** my God, and I will **exalt** you. **Give thanks** to the **LORD**, for he is **good**; **his love endures forever**.

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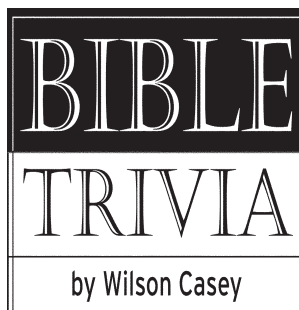


Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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1. Is the book of Gilead in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. Solomon asked, what biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder? Woman's scorn, Evil brother, Tax collector, Wine
3. From John 1:42, what name did Jesus give to Si-

mon Peter? Macedonia, Nahu, Cephas, Eli

4. In Psalms 68 what are the dove's feathers covered with? Manna, Gold, Leaves, Blood

5. From John 3, who came to Jesus under the cover of night? Elijah, Amos, Nicodemus, Meshah

6. Who was the "Gloomy Prophet"? Gehazi, Joel, Jeremiah, Jehoshaphat

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**"Test Your Bible knowledge," with 1,206 multiple-choice questions by columnist Wilson Casey, is available in bookstores and online.**

## Buy the truth, and sell it not

Proverbs 23:23

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Why is the complete truth so important? The answer is very clear in **1 Corinthians 15:1-2**. The inspired Apostle wrote, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; <sup>2</sup>By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain."

Then, in **1 Timothy 4:16**, he wrote, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine (teachings of Christ); continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

Also in **2 Timothy 3:16-17**, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup>That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

In **John 1:14**, Jesus is introduced as "full of grace and truth." Again, in **John 8:31-33**, Jesus said "to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; <sup>32</sup>And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

He also says in **John 14:6**, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Then, in John 4:23, our Father will accept no worship that is different outside of the truth. **John 17:17**, says, "thy word is truth." Then in **2 Timothy 2:15**, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." This is all I have tried to do all my preaching years. Bro. Austin Mobley once said, "If you cannot find your doctrine within the Word of God, then you had better drop it like a hot potato."

Remember, I have already mentioned **2 Timothy 3:16** where it says "all scripture is given by inspiration of God?" So, how much levity do you have when we teach or claim to live within the Word of our Lord? By

the way, 'levity' means 'the lack of seriousness.'

I cannot tell you how many conversations that I have had with many that claim some form of religion that could not quote with much accuracy the book, chapter, nor verse from which to defend their stand upon some belief. This is sad, because only knowing and obeying the truth will ever save anyone. Someone has said, "no one can teach another more than he/she knows." I ask, how much levity does the Lord allow to any who claim to be a capable teacher of all his truths?

Then, we are told in **Romans 12:2**, "be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Then, in **2 Corinthians 13:5**, we are told to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." And in **Galatians 6:4**, "But let every man prove his own work . . ." **1 Thessalonians 5:21** says, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

So, then, Folks ask me a question about Bible subjects and maybe already know what they may believe concerning the question, "What should a preacher do?" Personally, I follow the admonition of Paul found in **2 Timothy 4:2**, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." We must do this to truly be defenders of the faith so that the unlearned may be near the truth and be saved!

Sadly, but, I know preachers that have claimed to preachers of righteousness that don't even know the scriptural name of the church. Plus, they do not believe all of the Plan of Salvation. Neither do they practice the simplicity of the worship; such as the Lord's Supper, each week. But, they do not miss passing the collection plate each Sunday. Even when the Holy Scriptures tells us to do both on the same day. So, I ask, "Do we have levity to do what we want to do, in spite of what the Scriptures teach?"

In closing, **John 14:21** says, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father . . ." Yes, our Lord is very serious, read and consider **John 12:47-48**.

For questions, remarks, call 1-WACO (859) 369-4165.

*Sincerely, B. Casey*

## SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Distant  
**METEOR**

Truly  
**QUIET**

Shiny  
**SAINT**

Edge  
**FINGER**

TODAY'S WORD



"When's \_\_\_\_\_ time?"



He "crowns you with love and compassion," wrote David. What an amazing statement. Is it possible for us to understand what this means? God Himself crowning us with His love and compassion? What might our author have had in mind when he wrote this? Could it mean that we are kings in God's eyes?

Not really. It means that when we became His children He crowned us with His loyal, never-ending, steadfast love. We are His now and we will be His forever throughout eternity and nothing will ever separate us from Him or His love.

In his letter to Timothy, Paul wrote that "If we die with Him we will also live with Him, and if we en-

sure hardship we will also reign with Him."

Although we may suffer great hardships in this life, God assures us that someday we will live eternally with Him. So, it's worth it. And when we live in Christ's Kingdom, we will share His eternal reign with Him.

There may be times when our suffering may cause us to doubt God's love. When these doubts arise, we must never forget that we have been crowned with His love and compassion. "Our present sufferings," said Paul, "are not worth comparing with the incredible glory that will be revealed in us." The assurance of His love gives us hope.

Once crowned with His love and compassion we need to remember that we will, as Paul also said, "see the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness." When we are crowned by God Himself, what more can we ask.

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## Stickeler's Puzzle



Match the shade on the left with its color on the right.

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. bisque     | a. yellow-green |
| 2. arsenic    | b. purple       |
| 3. chartreuse | c. off-white    |
| 4. teal       | d. blue         |
| 5. mauve      | e. gray         |
| 6. cerulean   | f. green-blue   |

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