

## STATEMENTS OF THEOLOGY FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND

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In Christendom, systematic theology and dogmatic structure has mapped out a very important road to serious Christian thinking. Although there have been many who have viciously attacked the theology and dogmas of the church, we have to thank God for all those who have gone before us and have labored in the Word of God. They seek out those precious doctrines which now stand in congregations that are structured properly and growing strong.

The word theology is important and should be to every child of God who considers themselves disciples of Jesus Christ. It ties together the concept of God, His principles and His attributes in His Eternal Word. It is important to understand the statutes, precepts and ordinances of Yahweh. Many people feel that they do not need theology but I strongly disagree.

### **The concept of God**

Without the concept of God, without the study of God and without the proper knowledge of God we will never be able to understand the beauty of His Holiness, His Love, His Judgments, His Righteousness, His Wisdom, His Attributes, Heaven, and His Goodness.

Some have looked at the word dogma or dogmatic as a negative but it is not a negative it is a way of thinking based on structure and structure comes as the result of teaching. The word dogma has different meanings such as: creed, faith and conviction, we cannot do away with it.

For example take the Apostle Paul; he had one of the most structural mindset in Christian thinking. God gave him extraordinary revelation and opened up to him great mysteries in order to teach the church proper theology or dogmas.

Please keep in mind that he also had a theological concept with dogmatic structure, all these worked together shaping and forming the mind of the great Apostle Paul. Paul labored tirelessly to bring good Christian teaching to the body of Christ.

Christocentric beliefs are vital for right Christian living. The reason that Satan has gained much ground in the church is because at times the Church has ignored the principles that the Bible teaches. I am reminded of the last verse in the book of Judges which states:

Judges 21:25

In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

I have always said that this is one of the saddest verses of Scripture when it comes to people and them being governed. The fallen nature of man refuses to be guided by the truth; it only results in doing what is right in his or her eyes. This verse of Scripture closes the book of Judges showing us the repercussions of not allowing the truth to be the guiding source of our life.

We must pay close attention to what God tells us in order to be fruitful, to be healthy and have a strong standing in a society that does not follow after the Law of God. God took time to give Ten Commandments to Moses; we should then take time to study them and to learn his ways.

Although God reveals himself as one God, He shows us many aspects of His attributes and His character in the Bible. This does not contradict His oneness but shows that God is multifaceted and holy in Character. The Bible is one with God but it has many different topics which shows it self in doctrines, in order to understand who God is in Nature, how He thinks and how He wants us to live life for him we must study the Bible. This only shows the Riches of God's Grace and Divine Knowledge.

The following statements are not a substitute for the Bible, only the Bible has full truth written within it pages. No matter how great the theology, philosophy or the ideology of a person is, it will never be equal with the Words of the Holy Bible. So please keep in mind that I am not setting forth these statements as a writing that is equivalent with the Holy Bible, but these are simply precious truths which I believe are inspired by the Bible as I have studied it for myself.

Also keep in mind that these statements are not in chronological order, they are simply seed thoughts that you can ponder upon and see if they stand up to biblical truths. In other words this is a challenge to you the reader to examine the statements and see just how Bible centered they are. I have carefully looked upon them and thought about them to the best of my ability but because we are imperfect we may miss something of great importance although it may be small.

I have numbered each statement so that you can think upon them one at a time; this will take careful evaluation and serious Bible searching on your part. Each statement that I put down has been because of some particular Scripture that has come to mind, and as one who carefully examines and interprets the Scriptures I challenge you to find Scriptures that will match the statements.

Had it not been for my discipleship teachers who took time to instruct me and give me good guidelines and proper instruction I would have never become a mature Christian and be able to understand the way of God and function in ministry properly. God's desire is to shape our thought-life by His eternal and Glorious Word.

In attempting to cover a very small scope of Christ and how He wants us to think, these statements of belief are simply a building block for those who desire to become better acquainted with the knowledge of commentated wisdom about the word of God. These are basic nuggets of are my personal evaluation God's Word and discipleship in Christ. Truths, which I believe, serve as a tremendous asset and help to everyone that call themselves believers in Christ or Disciples of Christ.

Besides preaching, doing miracles and serving others in various ways, Christ spent most of His time teaching those that were close to Him, the Bible calls it discipleship. In every religion, in every institution someone has to teach others how to think in order to live according to the principles of that religion and perform their duties properly. Christ gave us a well full of truth and His teachings serve as the foundation for all Christianity. How we live determines how we think, and how we think is the result of discipleship.

These statements from the beginning are but a very tiny drop in the sea of God's Eternal Knowledge and Wisdom. My prayer is that you will be able to become strong and grow in the grace and knowledge of God. The statements, which you are about to read, are only a simple guideline.

When Jesus was here upon the earth people were very aroused and amazed about the things that He touched upon as He elaborated and brilliantly spoke forth truths, which transformed the lives of many of His hearers. But we also see that there were many people who became angry about the things that He talked because his teachings revealed the heart of man placing them in an open arena in the light of eternal judgment.

If we are truly the Disciples of Christ we will continue in His word and in knowing His word we will be set free from the clutches of deception. Jesus was very concerned about the way men thought because He knew that the thoughts of a man shape his life. This is why the Bible tells us to guard our heart with diligence because out of the heart flows all the issues of life.

When we receive Christ we gain life but we have to be properly instructed in order to live out the life of Christ and have great peace. One of the important aspects about the book of Acts is that it teaches us that the people sat at the feet of the Apostles and were taught the Word of God.

Jesus told the Pharisees of his time that they erred in Scripture and did not know the power of God. I have made this statement a very personal statement because I am a firm believer that when we fail to interpret the Word of God properly the Power of God will not be active in our lives.

I listen to people closely as they speak I am amazed at the things that they say and some will go even as far to say that the Bible says. My question most of the time is where is that in the Bible, and most of the time they will stumble in their words or say I'll find it for you and give it to you later, and 99% of the time they do not get back to me.

Now I know why so many people live defeated lives, it's because they don't really understand, practice or study the word of God enough, and by not looking into the Word they leave themselves completely open to deception. This is why King David purposed to hide the word of God in his heart so that he would not sin against God.

David understood one thing and that is, if the word of God is not present in the heart it is open to deception, which would lead only to defeat. So it's extremely important that we store up the truth, THE WORD OF GOD, in our hearts to live a life that is pleasing to God. Jesus told his disciples "I am the truth".

God told Joshua not to let this Word, meaning [the Law] out of his mouth but he was to meditate upon it day and night so that he would be very careful to be obedient to everything that was written, for in doing so he would make his way prosperous and successful.

If principles of truth were not important God would have never given them to Moses to give to the people. The word of God serves as a reminder to every person upon the earth that there is a God who's Character is Holy and He demands holiness of His creatures. We will never be able to escape that reality because the word of God continually stares us in the face.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15

Find one or more Scriptures to match up with these statements to approve or disapprove. So test your knowledge. May God bless you and your desire to know Him biblically, relationally and totally!

John 10:35

"...and the scripture cannot be broken;"

The concept of God must be one in truth, one in knowledge, one in wisdom and one in

understanding.

Col. 1:9

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Col. 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

## **SEVENTY ONE STATEMENTS**

A proper study of God's word will enable the student to grasp the concept of the person of God, His Character and Attributes, it teaches the counsels and testimonies of God. It warns us not negate our responsibility to the study of it.

The word of God is the only source of truth and the only infallible essence of life. The believer must depend totally upon the inspiration of the Bible as the only full and final accomplished writings of God. It defies evil, uncovers the works of darkness, rewards those that study it and gives full proof of the glory and majesty of the King of glory.

It is also crucial that we spend time with the Lord in prayer and allow him to impress us through His Holy Spirit on how we should walk with him and do the ministry that He has placed in our hands.

Ability must be coupled with availability. These two things are of great importance in the life of the Christian if the kingdom of God is going to advance. Ability speaks of our able-ness as to perform a task, but availability speaks of our commitment to do the task.

A Christian must be able to endure hardships, trials and tribulations for these are the very tools that God uses to shape character. We must be flexible in order to be shaped and molded into the conformity of the image of Christ.

We must stand ready to face any opposition. Remember that we are in a constant struggle against the forces of darkness and every diabolical work. We must confront and bring down these works by the truth with an attitude of assurance that Christ already won the battle.

We must guard ourselves against every false doctrine that Satan, the world and the flesh will present. In order for us to grow properly we must have a good doctrine so

Christians must surround themselves with teachers that are able to teach truth from a Bible based perspective.

Fellowship is vital to those who are in the body of Christ. God has placed within the body of Christ members with different functions therefore we must rely upon one another to be strengthened encouraged and comforted by one another. We will never be able to be fully effective and be strong as participants in the kingdom of God without belonging to a particular fellowship.

A relationship with the Lord and the life of the truth of God should be the only true delight of the Christian. Relationship with God can never be deepened if the truth about God is absent. Faith and purity go hand in hand.

Righteousness and truth is the life of the believer and faith shows the precious light and life of Jesus Christ. Faith in Christ makes our labor present before the Father. Every work of God must be built upon the foundation of righteousness and truth otherwise it will never stand or be rewarded on the day of the judgement seat of Christ, but will be burned in the fire.

Obedience is the key to all the blessings of God. Obedience will follow after faith and faith will always express itself through love. All of the sacrifices and labor must have behind it the motivating factor of love and obedience. Christ exemplified the very essence of obedience through the things that he suffered leaving us a perfect example of a life that is totally surrendered to God.

Every believer should labor from an eternal point of view because Christ Jesus is Eternity and he stands as our high priest to intercede and to bring us in honor to the Father. It is the duty of Christians to do away with worldly things and pursue the things that God has ordained for us. Our focus and attention should be continually upon the Lord. Christ has called us to do in His kingdom.

Giving is one of the greatest opportunities in the kingdom of God because the essence of our giving is connected to the source of our living. Christ has given us the benefits of the kingdom of God because he gave himself as a sacrifice on the cross. The giving of that life has been the source of salvation to all that believe by faith. So giving of our time, money, mind and substance is essential to Christian living.

The witness of God's love is found in His creation, the manifestation of it is seen in our willingness to go out and to reach people with the gospel. To be a witness of Christ as God and Savior is proof of the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit's life and work in us. We are the workmanship of God and have been preordained to do the good works of God.

Being that the sanctification of God is the result of the power of the Holy Spirit and His Holy Word, the Christian has the trustful and loving responsibility to submit to God as

He completes the work in us for perfecting obedience unto Jesus. When sanctification has its perfect work Christ will be seen and glorified in every area of life.

All the blessings of heaven have been given to the children of God through the precious adoption that comes by virtue of the blood of Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Those who have been born again by the Spirit of God will experience without limit the blessings that come through Jesus Christ and a right relationship with him.

It is important for every Christian to uphold the righteousness and excellence of Christ in their Ministry of reconciliation. Those who will penetrate the works of darkness must have a constant practice of the righteousness of God in their lives. To such the kingdom of God belongs and to such the power of the Holy Spirit is brought forth.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a free gift and the benefit of salvation. God wants those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior to also experience the overflow of the Spirit of life, energizing them to do the works of God and the preaching of the gospel.

To the believer the grace of God is the incorruptible and immeasurable power of mercy, which flows through the truth that, comes from Jesus Christ. Grace is the vehicle through which faith, which expresses itself in love, continues. This grace of God can never be exhausted.

Justification is the platform from which the believer shows forth the freedom and accessibility of the gospel of grace. The joy of justification is the strength from which the believer lives and brings forth the liberty of love.

The glory of God is the revealed presence of His person, therefore it should be the chief end of every believer to exemplify the glory of God by holy living. The manifestation of the power of God comes forth through obedience. The main purpose and priority of the believer is to glorify God.

Separation unto the gospel of Jesus Christ means servitude and humbleness of heart. The gospel will flow freely through a heart that is pure and totally separated from the pleasures of the world. Through the atonement blood of Christ Jesus it is possible to die to self and live for God and bring forth the kingdom of the Lord.

Being baptized with Christ means death to sin and being raised up with Christ means victory and power and glory with Him. The ability to walk in newness of life is the result of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Life cannot consist except through resurrection power.

All things are held together by the power of the word of God, the covenant of the word cannot be broken nor nullified. The entire universe sprung forth from a single

command. Just as God spoke forth the light as a single command all things were created by a single word.

All the principalities, thrones, dominion and powers are subject to the Christian just as they are subject to Christ. The cross of Jesus Christ is a reminder to Satan and all of hell that they are defeated and powerless against the authority of the believer.

The obligation of the Christian is to put off those things, which hinder the holiness of God from manifesting in everyday life. It is absolutely important for the Christian to be totally submitted to the word of God through the Holy Spirit in order to be sanctified properly.

The goal of the Christian should be the Lord himself. The standard of the Christian must be the Bible. The priority of the Christian must be the will of God. The employment of the Christian must be the kingdom of God. The destiny of the Christian is heaven.

The meditation and attention span of the believer must be set upon Christ and Christ alone. Meditation must be a daily process upon the word of God in order for it to deepen the soul to bring transformation and edification.

The Christian must find comfort in the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures alone there should be no substitute for the word of God nor should there be any aid to help make the word of God effective in the life of the believer. Christ is sufficient.

Those who have taken the armor of God will find themselves in constant struggle against the forces of darkness and wicked dominions. The warfare of the Christian is fought from a holy point of view because Christ is the victor over all the foes of hell.

Every victory that the Lord gives to the believer should be guarded and worn as a spiritual garland around the neck, because the believer sits at the table of the Lord as a holy trophy. The proclamation of the redeemed is; Jesus is Lord and Satan is defeated.

The believer is born of incorruptible seed and can never be faded away nor spoiled. The resurrection of Jesus Christ solidifies all the blessings and all the promises of God. The inheritance of the believer can not be taken away by any means.

The multiplication of grace and peace is increased by the knowledge of God, therefore the light of the gospel must be shed abroad the heart of the recipient in order to gain the benefits of this blessing. The measure of grace and peace is tied into the depth of the measure of the knowledge of God in his word.

The born again believer has been translated by the power of the glory of God into the kingdom of His Son receiving all the benefits of redemption being lavished upon with all wisdom and the freedom of forgiveness and liberty of life.

Looking into the law of liberty gives us the full assurance of faith, of love and newness of life. The mirror of the word of God will reflect the exact representation of the glory of the Son giving us the perfect image and the exact likeness of God the Father.

The believer's greatest asset is at the throne of grace, for God is ready and able to meet all the needs of his children. Christ sits at the right hand of the Father petitioning and interceding for his sheep. The presence of God solidifies the heart of the believer.

The Faithfulness of God the Father is the security of the believer in Christ because God will not forsake those He has chosen, but will maintain His good, acceptable and perfect will for their lives. God is faithful to His own character.

It is impossible to maintain a grateful attitude without Thanksgiving unto the Lord. The good works of God gives the believer ample fuel to maintain an attitude of thankfulness. All the works of God are holy and perfect and just.

The Holy character of God is the controversy of Satan, the righteousness of God is the contradiction of all wickedness, and the goodness of God is the refutation against evil.

True faith will be tested in the fire to come forth as pure gold, true faith will pass through the waters, true faith will go through rivers and true faith will usher in the power the kingdom and the glory of God. Christ is the Faith Teacher.

Those who are chosen by God are sanctified and predestined by the Eternal Mind of God before the foundation of the world. In Christ we are made complete, blameless and spotless. The adoption of God is motivated by love to be predestined into all the purposes and conformity of God.

The glory of God dwells in every believer and gives them the hope of their future glory with Christ. The sanctification and preparation of the believer is from glory to glory. Therefore the life of Christ is the life-giving force which gives the believer the full assurance of glory in truth.

Grace gives the ability of godliness to the believer to deny the works of the flesh, the impulse of the human intellect and the lusts of the carnal nature. It gives the expected end of the salvation of God through the glorious appearance of Christ who is the head of the church.

The blood of Christ gives a total sacrifice and perfects the believer granting a complete standing in righteousness. This atonement is the full grace of God manifested through the Son giving eternal salvation, full and free adoption and total forgiveness.



The baptism of Christ is the identification for the believer of the death and suffering resurrection and life of Jesus. The believer is most blessed to be in deep close relation with the love of God, the height, depth, width and length of it.

Satan does not have a hold upon the redeemed of the Lord nor can he possess the child of God. He is obligated to submit to the word of God in the life of the believer. Christ has placed His seal of Authority and ownership in the heart of the Christian, and Satan cannot remove it nor tamper with that holy and sacred seal.

The grace of God guarantees the redeemed of the Lord and audience at his throne and gives us the help of mercy and the aid of angels, which are disposed at the authority of the Lord.

Those that are in Christ are hid in the secret place of the Lord and cannot be found by Satan. Christ is the assurance of security, soundness and substance of life for the believer.

The substance of faith and the evidence of all glory and power, is Christ. The foundation of all creation, the framing of it and the expansion and order of it is by the word of His power. The consistency and its motion is carried and held together by the supremacy of His authority.

The translating into the kingdom of Christ, the transformation of mind through the Word, the newness of life in the Spirit, the fulfillment of righteousness through the Cross, the sufficiency of grace from the Father, and the revelation of all that was, and is, and is to come, is of Christ who is the fullness of the God-Head.

The Holy Spirit is sent to comfort, aid, strengthen, build up, convict of unrighteousness, anoint, adopt, be the sealer, be a fire, the teacher, to give guidance, prophesy, speak, supplicate, sanctify, to inspire, to illuminate, to correct, to equip, rebuke, to give wisdom, protect, bring healing, do miracles, instruct, show the way, revealed, edify and to glorify the Holy Father and the Holy Son.

The knowledge of the Holy Scriptures gives the Christian the ability to identify the falsehood and schemes of the devil. Christians must monitor their thoughts by the standard of the truth of God and be ready to attack and bring down every false concept, accusation and imagination that contradicts the Holiness of God.

The power of the believer is the redemption blood of Jesus Christ, for there is no force in hell that can overcome the blood. Blood is given for the atonement of our souls so that our sin will be taken away and have our names written in the Lamb's book of life. He that overcomes by the blood has life, blessings and an inheritance that can never fade or spoil.

Christ has placed the believer in a specific part of the body to function and to be an active participant to bring about the glory of God. The power of the Holy Spirit is activated in the believer through faith and exercised by grace. Apart from grace there is no spirituality, vitality and proper nourishment for the human spirit.

It is the desire of God that each one will show the same diligence toward Christ and realized the full assurance of the hope until the coming of the Lord. That we be patient through faith so that we might inherit the full promises of the blessings.

It is the privilege of the believer to have hope in the eternal things of God and to hold fast until the end. All the blessings of God are appropriated through faith in Christ Jesus.

The teachings of Jesus Christ are solid substance. It serves as the foundation for building everlasting spiritual structures. His teachings are monumental garlands of grace, mercy and righteousness. They are trustworthy, strong, extensive, durable, powerful and entirely holy.

The Deity and Nature of Christ exists in the Everlasting Person God. One in Nature, one in Personality and one in Character. Christ and eternity can never be separated because He is the perfect God-Man.

The Divine Nature of God is given to the believer, as the seal of the approved adoption into Christ. The acclimation of the adoption is blamelessness, spotlessness and purity in the sight of God. The power of the Divine gift is for escaping the corruption and lusts of the world and to insure the irreversible benedictions of grace and mercy of God.

Forgiveness is the virtue of love and obedience to the commandment of God. It's the life and supreme essence of the incorruptible Nature of Christ and the substance of true faith. It's the recipient of mercy and the justness of God. It's the power of the ongoing peace and freedom of the love of Christ in the Church. And a witness of the omnipresence, omnipotence and the omniscience of God.

The fullness of time will be the proof of the final dispensation of God's holy judgment and His power aggregating all things in heaven and in earth and under the earth together in Christ. The commencement of new government and perpetual holy habitation for His saints and uninterrupted punishment for the unredeemed.

God's eternal counsel has obtained an inheritance that is predestined in the Salvation of His Son. God's will is for life and His desire is for the working of His purpose in all goodness and faith, which He so powerfully works in the life of the believer via the Holy Spirit. The kingdom of God is existing in redeemed vessels, consisting in hope of the glory of God.

The truth and faithfulness of God cannot be put at a disadvantage, be revised nor interrupted. It cannot coexist with compromise nor be effected by human reason. The principle of all life stands upon the foundation of God's throne of righteousness and truth. The sustaining of all life depends upon the faithful character of God, for He is the Living God.

The conception of new birth in Christ is the first fruits of the resurrection unto life for the praise of God's glory. Trust in Christ is the abandonment of falsehood and the evidence of washing, regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit. It is the sovereign act of grace and the total work of Jesus Christ on the cross through the shedding of His blood and His undeniable resurrection from the grave.

The act of repentance is the granting of God for the highest good and His judgment of evil. It's the power of God's righteousness in operation. It is the conviction of the Holy Spirit and the mighty work of Christ. It is the conscience of the Holy Law, precepts, ordinances and statutes of Holy Scripture concerning the person of God and His divine Image which man is created after. It's the impenetrable presence of Love and Holiness of God.

The ceaseless prayers of the saint are humble entreats and duty of man to the Living God, granting and answering petitions and supplications made in reverence according to the will of God. The boundaries of prayer are limitless, the graces of pray are instant, the hunger to pray is divine, the privilege to pray is an honor, and the strength to pray is a gift. Communication with the Father, Savior and Holy Spirit is glorious, sacred and the reward of prayer benedictions.

The confession of righteousness is brought about through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ unto salvation. The hearing of the gospel produces faith and faith is expressed through love. Grace and truth is the presence of Christ, all spiritual virtue is the authority of God.

Love is the virtue and character and attributes of God. He is love. Love is the force, strength and essence of all the creation. All things consist and are held together by it. It is the framework and artistry of all that is Heaven. It is the handiwork of all the stars, the source and grandeur of all the worlds and the beauty and wonder of God's architectural splendor.

Satan attacked the Commandment of God by deception and distortion. The whole earth has been brought under judgment and bondage because of the law of sin, which works rebellion in the hearts and minds of men.

Satan's greatest desire is to blind humanity to the truth, to bring them to a false concept that man is able to attain eternal life through a standard of good morals without the law of God.

A proper concept of God is the result of accurate evaluation in understanding of Scripture. The misinterpretation of Scripture is the result of ignorance and slothfulness, which leads to the deception of content of Scripture.

God Bless And Please Pray For Me Eph.1:17-19

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