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"... that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

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SEVEN LITTLE BIBLE WORDS Text: **Psalms 12:6; Proverbs 30:5**

There are seven monosyllabic words which appear oftentimes in the Bible. Though insignificant to many casual readers, they actually convey some of the greatest truths of God. These are **BUT**, **GO**, **LO**, **HO**, **WOE**, **NO**, and **SO**.

1. **BUT** = indicates a contrast or a comparison (used **3,994** times): “*And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: BUT he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever*” (**1 John 2:17**). Everything in this present evil world will pass away except words of God (**Matt. 24:35**) and all believers in Christ (**1 John 2:17**). Even diamonds which are said to be “forever” will melt on the day of the Lord (**2 Pet. 3:10**).

2. **GO** = indicates a transfer or travel from one place to another (used **1,492** times): “*GO ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them...*” (**Matt. 28:19**). Christ’s disciples are commanded to go, preach, and teach the saving Gospel of Christ to a lost, condemned and dying mankind. Let us respond like the prophet Isaiah (**Isa. 6:8**).

3. **LO** = indicates a calling or catching of attention (used **159** times): “*Then said I, LO, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God*” (**Heb. 10:7**). [cf. *Behold*] The words “LO, I come,” make angels celebrate, terrorize devils, and gladden believers because Christ lovingly came to fulfill the OT prophecies, and to be the sacrifice for our sins. If Christ had not come, there would be: **NO** – Salvation, Forgiveness, Resurrection, Hope, Peace, Heaven and ONLY – Sin, Confusion, Condemnation, and Hell.

“**LO**” gives hope to the sinner. Christians need to draw men’s attention to the fact that Christ has come, died, was buried, and rose again the third day for the sins of mankind, and that eternal life is available. Let us draw men’s attention to the Person and work of Christ and not to our churches!

4. **HO** = indicates surprise, triumph, or an invitation (used **4** times): “*HO, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money: come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price*” (**Isa. 55:1**). “**HO**” is a word of *invitation* to a full and free salvation that is without money involved and without charge to us; yet paid with a great price by Christ. (**1 Cor. 6:20**). Christ paid the full price for our redemption from the “slave market” of sin (**1 Pet. 1:18-19**). If we know this, we dare not neglect God’s gift of salvation (**Heb. 2:3**).

5. **WOE** = indicates an affliction, calamity, or curse (used **106** times): “*Yea, WOE is unto me if I preach not the gospel*” (**1 Cor. 9:16**). Millions will die and perish in Hell due to ignorance of God’s truth. They need someone to forewarn them (**Ezek. 3:18**). If you are really saved, you’ll want to see others saved. If you personally know Christ, you’ll want others to know Him. If Heaven is real to you, you’ll want others to go there. If you know Hell is real, you will do all to fully alert people about it. If you really know the power of the Gospel, you’ll say what Paul said in **Rom. 1:14-16**.

6. **NO** = indicates the absence of something (used **1,393** times): “There is therefore now **NO** condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus” (**Rom. 8:1**).

The declaration **NO CONDEMNATION** is good news to a condemned, Hell-bound sinner. Why is there no more condemnation? Because “the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all” (**Isa. 53:6** cf. **John 5:24**). **Romans 8** begins with no condemnation in **verse 1** and ends with no separation in **verses 8:38-39**.

7. **SO** = indicates a great or exceeding degree (used **1,689** times): “For God **SO** loved the world that he gave...” (**John 3:16**). “**SO**” describes the greatness of God’s love to mankind (**1 John 3:1**).

GOD’S PART = Loving and Giving; MAN’S PART = Believing and Receiving. God has already done His part. Will you do your part now by receiving Christ?

Conclusion: Friend, does your life and testimony reflect the messages of these seven simple words? If you’re saved, live for Christ and reveal the meaning of these little Bible words in your life. If you are unsaved or unsure, get right with God and trust Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Be saved today! *Rodelio Mallari*



An Atheist answered.



Once an atheist asked a Christian lady if she believed the Bible was true. ‘Yes,’ said the lady. ‘Then’, said the atheist, ‘tell me how a whale swallowed Jonah as a whale’s stomach is no bigger than a man’s head.’ ‘I don’t know’, said the woman, ‘but when I get to Heaven I will ask him.’ ‘What if Jonah is not there’, said the atheist. ‘Then you ask him’, said the lady



A PERVERTED GOSPEL

Gospel means ‘good news’ and it is generally used of the Christian message concerning Jesus Christ. Even in very early days there were those that tried to change the message the apostles were teaching. The Apostle Paul wrote, “There be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ” (**Galatians 1:7**). What was this perversion concerning which Paul warned his readers?

They were saying that belief in Christ was not enough, but one must also keep the law in order to be saved. It must be Christ plus works. Today there are still many who teach that faith in Christ is not enough, but that repentance and faith must be followed by baptism and a continuing life of good works. They teach that salvation is a process, and one can only know he is saved at the end of life. Baptism is viewed as washing away ones sins and as giving new life, the beginning of this process of salvation. This produces an attitude of permanent insecurity. One can never know that he has done enough.

*But though we, or an angel from heaven,
preach any other gospel unto you than that
ye have received, let him be accursed.*

Gal. 1: 8

The gospel that Paul and the other apostles preached stated that the sinner is saved if he repents and trusts the Lord Jesus Christ, believing that on the cross He suffered for his sins. Christ’s death was adequate to pay for

“the sins of the whole world” (**1 John 2:2**). “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (**Romans 5:1**). Justification is viewed as completed, not as a lifelong process. Repentance and faith are not viewed as works but as a change of attitude.

The sinner who trusts Christ gives up working as a way to get right with God.

“But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness” (**Romans 4:5**). Salvation is instantaneous. Have you been trusting in your baptism and good works in order to be made right with God?

No one will be in Heaven on that basis. We have all sinned and deserve eternal punishment. It is only Christ who can take our load of sin and make us right with God. Turn from your sin and trust Him. Christ is enough. “He that hath the Son hath life” (**1 John 5:12**).



I have wept and cried, but never alone.



I have lived with ALS, a terminal neurological illness, for over fifteen years. Sometimes I cry when I fall down or can't make my body move. Sooner or later, life makes us all cry. Perhaps you have shed tears when a dear friend or relative was very ill or passed away. The shortest verse in the Bible says, ‘*Jesus wept*’ (**John 11:35**).

The Lord Jesus Christ often enjoyed the hospitality of the home of Lazarus and his sisters Mary and Martha. They were close friends. When Lazarus became very ill, it was only natural that Mary and Martha wanted the Lord to come and heal their brother. They sent a message to Christ saying, ‘*He whom thou lovest is sick.*’ (**John 11:3**). They had seen Him heal others and knew that He had the power to heal their brother. By the time the Lord arrived in Bethany, Lazarus had been dead four days. When he came to the place where Lazarus was buried and saw Mary and Martha weeping, ‘*Jesus wept*’. Shortly after that He raised Lazarus from the dead.

Almost everyone has experienced losing a loved one. We have not had the joy of having a loved one raised from the dead as Mary and Martha did but can we say ‘He / she whom Thou lovest is sick?’ How can anyone know or say that he is loved by the Lord?

Besides having ALS, I was diagnosed and treated for breast cancer five years ago. Since ALS is not treatable, I continue to live with the effects of the disease. My arms and hands are quite useless. I wear bilateral leg braces. My balance is very fragile so that I walk only short distances. Unless the Lord returns as He has promised (**John 14:3**) or death occurs, I live with continuing deterioration of my muscular system including my diaphragm. It comforts me to read that God showed me how much He loves me for ‘*God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*’ (**Romans 5:8**). ‘*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*’ (**John 3:16**).

Why did God have to give His Son to prove His love? **Romans 3:23** reminds us that ‘*All have sinned.*’ Since we are sinners, we are not in good standing with God and cannot go to Heaven when we die. Because God ‘*will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.*’ (**1 Timothy 2:4**), He planned a way to deal with our sin. **Isaiah 53:6** tells us that ‘*the Lord hath laid on Him (Christ) the iniquity (sin) of us all.*’ Referring back to **John 3:16**, God’s Word states that whoever believes in the Lord Jesus Christ will know his sins forgiven and will not perish (in Hell) but have everlasting life (in Heaven). God proved His love by giving His sinless Son to die. That was the price that had to be paid for sin. The only other payment for sin is eternal punishment in Hell.

Because God loves me so much, He sent His only Son into this world. The Bible says ‘ . . . *the Son of God who loved me, and gave Himself for me.*’ (**Galatians 2:20**).

With such wonderful words from God Himself, even though I have a terminal illness, I can say as Mary and Martha did about

Lazarus, ‘Lord, the one You love is sick.’ I can be sustained by the words of the Lord in **Hebrews 13:5** ‘*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*’ No, I have never wept alone.

You will never be able to say that God does not love you. Are you able to say that your sins are forgiven because God laid them on Christ when He suffered and died on the cross for you? ‘*Greater love has no man than this that a Man (the Lord Jesus Christ) lay down His life for his friends.*’ (**John 15:13**). He has called you His friend, but that friendship only becomes meaningful when you find out that you are a sinner in God’s sight and put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who took God’s punishment for your sins. That is why Christ can say ‘*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*’ (**John 14:6**). I became a child of God at the age of ten. God revealed to me that all my sins were laid on the Lord Jesus Christ and He took the punishment for them that I deserved.

Whether you are well or sick, or going through any kind of trial, you can know that your sins are forgiven; that you are loved; have peace with God and will never cry alone. *Jan Sluiter*

Point to Ponder

In days of calm or days of storm, God’s love is still the same.
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