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Translation:

ONLY PEOPLE WITH OCD CAN READ
THIS ENCRYPTED MESSAGE BECAUSE
OF THEIR UNIQUE AWARENESS OF
COMPLEX PATTERNS
SHARE ONLY IF YOU AGREE!!

Why is it that this generation is departing from normal communication? I see things like this picture on the INTERNET on a regular basis and wonder <u>WHY</u>? If you have ever received a text message from someone under 40 (could be any age, really) you will immediately notice all sorts of abbreviations that make it difficult to understand.

This made me think: Gary, aren't you glad that God doesn't act like that? What you need to know to "get right and stay right" with God is in plain and very straightforward language.

There is truth, there is right and wrong; you choose whether or not you will accept it or reject it and reap the consequences.

Jesus said...

John 8 (World English Bible)

As he spoke these things, many believed in him. "Jesus therefore said to those Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, then you are truly my disciples. "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

So, what truth does God want you to know?

1 Corinthians 15 (WEB)

Now I declare to you, brothers, the Good News which I preached to you, which also you received, in which you also stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold

firmly the word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, most of whom remain until now, but some have also fallen asleep.

Looking again to the words of Jesus...

John 3 (WEB)

- Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. The same came to him by night, and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do, unless God is with him."
- Jesus answered him, "Most certainly, I tell you, unless one is born anew, he can't see the Kingdom of God."
- A Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"

Jesus answered, "Most certainly I tell you, unless one is born of water and spirit, he can't enter into the Kingdom of God! That which is born of the flesh is flesh. That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.'

Once again, Jesus said...

Matthew 28 (WEB)

*Jesus came to them and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. *Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you. Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

And what did his apostles teach?

Acts 2 (WEB)

"Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved by God to you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in your midst, even as you yourselves know, "him, being delivered up by the determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by the hand of lawless men, crucified and killed; "whom God raised up, having freed him from the agony of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. "For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before my face, For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved.

* Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced.

Moreover my flesh also will dwell in hope;

- * because you will not leave my soul in Hades, neither will you allow your Holy One to see decay.
- You made known to me the ways of life.
 You will make me full of gladness with your presence.
- "Brothers, I may tell you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. "Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, he would

raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, "he foreseeing this spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was his soul left in Hades, nor did his flesh see decay. "This Jesus God raised up, to which we all are witnesses. "Being therefore exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this, which you now see and hear. "For David didn't ascend into the heavens, but he says himself, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit by my right hand,

- The Lord said to my Lord, Sit by my right hand,
 - until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
- * "Let all the house of Israel therefore know certainly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."
- "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you, and to your children, and to all who are far off, even as many as the

Lord our God will call to himself." • With many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation!"

Then those who gladly received his word were baptized. There were added that day about three thousand souls. They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer. Fear came on every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together, and had all things in common. They sold their possessions and goods, and distributed them to all, according as anyone had need. Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to the assembly day by day those who were being saved.

And lastly...

2 Timothy 4 (WEB)

I command you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his Kingdom: preach the word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with all patience and teaching. For the time will come when they will not listen to the sound doctrine, but, having itching ears, will heap up for themselves teachers after their own lusts; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to fables. But you be sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and fulfill your ministry.

For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. From now on, there is stored up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day; and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing.

Believe in Jesus, repent of sin, be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and remain faithful unto death.

Simple, direct and easy to understand. I for one am very glad God gave me a Bible and NOT A TEXT MESSAGE.