

Gospel Truth

Biblical Instruction and Encouragement for the Mission Field Worldwide.

10 Year Anniversary Edition

UNCHANGING TRUTH

The Gospel Truth publication has been published and distributed for ten years. The first issue was printed in July 2012. During the last decade, there have been many major events and changes in society. Multiple hurricanes, earthquakes, and tsunamis have hit countries around the world costing billions of dollars and causing many deaths. Famine has struck various locations, and people are dying of hunger. The COVID pandemic radically altered life, and there have been over six million related deaths.

Morality has declined quickly. This is evidenced in part by the widespread acceptance and promotion of the LGBT agenda in the media, the schools, and society at large. There have been many changes and things can look bleak. Inflation is soaring, interest rates are increasing, and energy prices are skyrocketing.

The good and praiseworthy news is that God and His Word have not changed. "I am the Lord, I change not" (Malachi 3:6). No matter how things change around us, God is a constant. It has been a great blessing for the Gospel Truth to reach this ten-year milestone of publication. The Word of God that the Gospel Truth has published and shared has not changed in the last ten years. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the

word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8).

Governments have changed, ministries have come and gone, philosophies and ideologies of man have risen and fallen, but truth remains constant. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Jesus is still the only way to get to Heaven and that way remains a clear path. The future is bright for every child of God and for every soul that has a desire to live for God. The blood of Jesus has lost none of its efficacy, and the truth is still bringing freedom to souls bound by sin.

Praise God, there is still grace to live a holy life, and the power of grace supersedes the power of sin. Although there is so much unrest and turmoil in the world, remember the words of our Lord: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

Regardless of the pressures and changes in our world, the purpose of the Gospel Truth publication remains the same—to publish the unchanging Word of God.



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Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:21-23; 1 John 4:7-11

Repentance

Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10

New Birth

John 3:3-7; 2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:1-4;
Eph. 2:1, 5-6

Freedom From Sin

1 John 5:18; Matt. 1:21; John 8:11

Infilling of the Holy Spirit

Acts 19:2; Acts 15:8-9; Acts 1:8

Holiness

Luke 1:73-75; Heb. 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15-16;
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Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17; John 18:36

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Acts 2:47; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Col. 1:18

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Luke 4:18; Isaiah 53:4-5; James 5:13-16

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Matt. 19:5-6; Luke 16:18; Rom. 7:2-3;
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1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Cor. 11:14-15; Deut. 22:5

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Luke 6:27-29; Luke 18:20

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John 4:23-24; Eph. 5:19; 2 Cor. 3:17

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Mark 16:15

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The Gospel Truth website contains archives of all issues of the Gospel Truth in seven languages: English, Spanish, German, Swahili, Chichewa, Tamil and Malayalam.

Back issues cover doctrinal teaching on a variety of subjects. They have been used as personal and collective Bible study guides, Bible curriculum for high school students, and as a general reference on Bible doctrines.

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Development is underway for a Spanish version.



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Editorial



And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. —Acts 13:49

Our prayer and desire was and still is today for the simple gospel of Jesus Christ to be spread throughout all regions of the world. Religion and men's organizations will never satisfy the longing soul. There is a great need for people to hear and read the unadulterated, pure teaching and doctrines of God's Word.

It is with much thanksgiving to the Lord that we celebrate ten years of publishing the Gospel Truth. It has rarely been convenient or easy, but God's work is not about convenience; it is about answering the call of God and doing His will, no matter what the cost. I remember well over twenty-five years ago expressing the need for a doctrinally-based paper to share with ministers on the mission field. It was many years later when it was incumbent upon us from the Lord to begin this ministry.

Here is an excerpt from the editorial of the first Gospel Truth issue in July 2012:

Through many years of ministry around the world, I have recognized a great need to help establish native ministries in the truth of the Word. This is not about gaining a following or having someone 'join' a group. It is about teaching and encouraging people to be the Church in their locality. Unity then comes about as people walk in the truth, being led by the Spirit... It is the desire of my wife and me to share through the written word of this paper some of the foundational, scriptural truths that can assist honest hearts in becoming established in the truth.

For ten years, the Gospel Truth has been published every quarter. God has been faithful to provide this ministry with wonderful helpers and volunteers. It is only by their efforts, both local and abroad that this ministry has been able to grow and reach more people. We are grateful for those who have supported Gospel Truth Publishing with prayer and finances.

As we step forward into the next decade of publishing, we covet your prayers for greater inspiration and anointing. May Christ ever be in view and His kingdom be the focus of every endeavor. May the Lord open more doors and enable the truth to be shared to hungry, seeking souls.

With a grateful heart,

Michael W. Smith

July 2022



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publication archives.

A COMPANION FOR THE JOURNEY

Over the last five years, the Gospel Truth has been a tremendous blessing in the furtherance of the gospel among Tamil-speaking people throughout India and the broader Asia-Pacific region. The Gospel Truth provided a means of reaching far more souls than we could possibly have reached during a mission trip, and is a more innocuous and year-round messenger of the gospel in a region largely hostile to Christianity. Thus began the Tamil publishing work: starting first with five hundred copies and then steadily growing to one thousand, two thousand, and now thirty-five hundred copies, as letters and phone calls began to come in from others who had obtained a copy or heard of the Gospel Truth. Since that time, around

seventy-five thousand Tamil copies have been sent out. I have witnessed the fruit of gospel seeds planted through these papers on the mission field and am thankful to know the Lord is able to work with these seeds year-round, whether we can be there in person or not. The digital archives have also been a helpful reference in teaching Bible doctrine on a wide range of subjects that arise while I am on the mission field. I highly encourage you to enroll in your own personal study of Bible doctrine, that you may be "ready always to give...a reason on the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15), and believe you'll find the Gospel Truth to be a very helpful companion in that journey.

—Bro. Clint Doolittle

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Currently available in seven languages.



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Behind the Scenes

The Gospel Truth Publishing Team



A special thanks for the sacrifice and many years of service of the Gospel Truth publishing team. There is nothing like reading the gospel message in one's own tongue! The website archives represent years of labor by dedicated workers. After the English edition is published, our translators and printers go to work preparing the new edition for distribution around the world. Local print shops have been set up in different countries and thousands of issues are printed and distributed at meetings and gospel outreach efforts globally. We have regular requests for new languages to be added but are limited by time, funds, and workers. We thank God for our faithful laborers!



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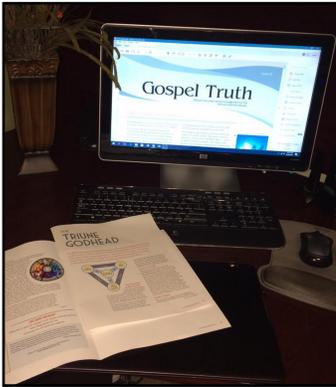
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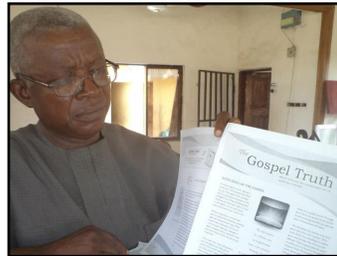
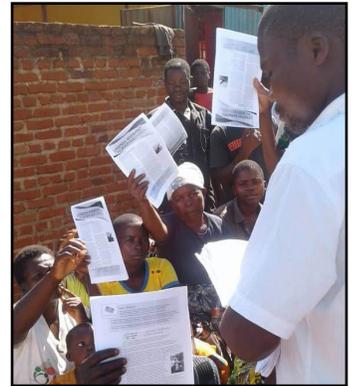
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Ten Years of God's Faithfulness

We started out printing papers on a slow, little printer on the dining room table which took 12 hours and had to be carefully monitored.



*"THE LORD GAVE THE WORD:
GREAT WAS THE COMPANY
OF THOSE THAT PUBLISHED IT."
PSALM 68:11*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, GOSPEL TRUTH!



"Happy Birthday Gospel Truth! By this means many people have been reached, even those in remote areas who can't access Internet. The Gospel Truth, with full elaborated verses, has helped us reach 5000 to 7000 people.

"It has made many come down to ask for more truth on the Church of God standards. Let's join hands to pray that Gospel Truth expands more beyond oceans and beyond borders. Long live Gospel Truth!"

Peter Akweyona, Kenya

"It is worth thanking God for sustaining the Gospel Truth publication for these 10 years. Since the inception, it has been a cherished one, serving for studies and evangelical works. It could be seen for us here as if our evangelism is not complete without having a copy to distribute. But most of all is the grace given for the continual publication."

Chinwendu Nwachukwu, Nigeria

"I thank God for His plan to make the possibility of the publishing of the Gospel Truth. Apart from reading the Bible, we spend time to read and follow the words of God through these readings, and also the Gospel Truth helps to reach everyone in various area without counting whether he or she has a Bible.

"The Gospel Truth helps to change different people's hearts, even those not our church of God members. Here in Malawi and Mozambique we pray for God to make it possible for the publishing to continue. God bless."

Master Gustor, Malawi

"We are in 10th anniversary very rapidly. We started with 500 Copies then with the help of Saints we progressively increased our copies up to 3500. It's by God's wonderful grace only.

"Especially, church ministers are using our Gospel Truth message to preach it in their Sunday church service. While the minister reads the message it will be spread over the church so it can be reached all the believers through the minister. Mostly we distribute GT among ministers in India.

"Not only we distribute among Tamil People in India but also we are sending all over the world wherever Tamil people live. For the progressive improvement, pray to increase the copies to spread Gospel for more and more people in and around the world."

W. S. Vedha, (Tamil Editor) India

"I indeed lack words to express my gratitude to God on the Gospel Truth publication. Since the start of the publication, I view it as consolidating the truths once delivered to the saints in its entirety. For example: in a matter of minutes, one can with good understanding grasp the whole truth it contains.

"To us this way, it is an easy and handy reference on what the Bible teaches. Moreover, apart from distributing it to the church of God congregations when printed, to make sure each individual member of the congregation have their copy, we use it majorly in every evangelical work; giving it out to those we come in contact with, in house to house and street to street, as a means of spreading the Gospel far and wide. That was the material we used for our last weekend's evangelical work at Tombia, Rivers State.

"We also use it severally in our Sunday Schools, Bible studies, Burial funerals, Marriage ceremonies, etc. Just as I hinted you sometime ago, I've started sending the binded volumes of the Gospel Truth magazine to about five ministers of the church and will continue as the Lord will provide. As you continue to keep the fire burning, never let it go out."

Bro. Barth. C. N., Nigeria



DID YOU KNOW?

There are 17,400 people groups in the world. 42.1% of them are unreached by the gospel. India, Pakistan, and China are the top three countries with the most unreached people groups. There are more people alive today that do not know Christ than at any other time in history.

Source: Joshua Project 2022



A Word
in Season

QUOTES FROM THE PAST

“There is a miraculous change when someone is truly saved through the power of Jesus Christ. A Christian—a disciple of Jesus Christ, can follow in His example and live without committing sin (I Peter 2:21-22). Many in the religious world have watered down this simple, doctrinal truth to excuse unrighteousness.”
Issue 2, Sin and Salvation.

“The infilling of the Holy Spirit is a work of faith and does not always come by great demonstration or emotion.” “The true evidence of the Holy Spirit is the ability and power to live a holy life.” *Issue 8, The Infilling of the Holy Spirit.*

“Praise to God through exclamation, testimony, and song opens the gates to the very presence of God, for God inhabits praise.” *Issue 30, Praise.*

“The curse of death was twofold in nature—spiritual and physical.” “The sentence of spiritual death was commuted through the forgiveness and pardon of Jesus Christ.”
Issue 29, First and Second Death and Resurrection.

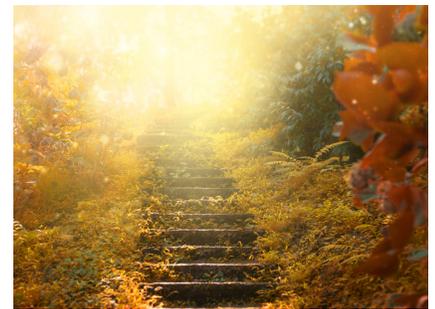
“As stewards of God, our finances should be regulated and administered with the same care and faithfulness as in spiritual things.” *Issue 27, Finances.*

“There is a clear division between the requirements of God’s children who live under grace and the God-ordained responsibility of the secular government that operates carnally.” *Issue 26, Biblical Nonresistance.*

“Without self-examination in the fear of God, one is prone to delusion. It is not enough to hear the Word; we must be doers of the Word or we will be deceived.”
Issue 23, Spiritual-Self-Examination.

“The true Christian Sabbath in the New Testament dispensation is one of peace, rest, spiritual worship, and holy living every day of the week. Every day is sacred and reserved for devotion and remembrance of the deliverance from sin through Jesus Christ.” *Issue 20, The Sabbath.*

“We cannot expect God to reveal His purpose in one area according to our whims if we are not being obedient to that which we know is His will in other areas.”
Issue 40, How to Know the Will of God.



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HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD