

Monthly Memory Verse - May 2010



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Publisher & Author Message

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Message from the publisher and author

Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes

Dale's Notes are provided to be used as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,

Dale ☺

Dale A. Kaye

Message:

The South Texas Baptist Association - STBA - Executive Director R. Lynn Snider has currently opened its doors to The Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. The subscriber email list still needs some work on the site.

The south Texas Baptist Association is there to assist the communities of South Texas. There is a new Ministry Ad posting for supply ministers to help churches in need. Also, you can always use the "Contact us" page to submit email request to Lynn Snider.

<http://www.southtexasba.com>

A praise to STBA site: I've notice visitors from France, Cote D'Ivoire - Africa, Oklahoma, Virginia, Yes even Texas! Check it out use the tracker.

Prayer request:

Pray with me in asking God for help to provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way and with the new email and hosting site. Pray about a new blog for dale's readers to leave their opinions to be shared with others. Please, remember my family as we make changes in our lives to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,

Dale

Quick Bio-glance

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Charles Haddon Spurgeon

1837 – 1899

Charles Haddon (C.H.) Spurgeon (June 19, 1834 – January 31, 1892) was a British Particular Baptist preacher who remains highly influential among Christians of different denominations, among whom he is still known as the "Prince of Preachers." This despite the fact that he was a strong figure in the Reformed Baptist tradition, defending the Church in agreement with the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith understanding, against liberalism and pragmatic theological tendencies even in his day.

In his lifetime, Spurgeon preached to around 10,000,000 people,^[1] often up to 10 times each week at different places. His sermons have been translated into many languages. Spurgeon was the pastor of the congregation of the New Park Street Chapel (later the Metropolitan Tabernacle) in London for 38 years.^[2] He was part of several controversies with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and later had to leave that denomination.^[3] In 1857, he started a charity organization called Spurgeon's which now works globally. He also founded Spurgeon's College, which was named after him posthumously.

Spurgeon was a prolific author of many types of works including sermons, an autobiography, a commentary, books on prayer, a devotional, a magazine, poetry,^[4] hymnist,^[5] and more. Many sermons were transcribed as he spoke and were translated into many languages during his lifetime. Arguably, no other author, Christian or otherwise, has more material in print than C.H. Spurgeon.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Spurgeon

I've enjoyed a few books of Charles Spurgeon's writings: **Lectures to my Students** by Baker Publishing fourth print 1981 and **SPURGEON'S SERMONS PREACHED ON UNUSUAL OCCASIONS** by Pilgrims PUBLICATION 1978

Even a few leaflets given out at the Founder Baptist Church during the Spurgeon's Conference (**His Name -The Everlasting Father** and another named **The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus**)

Theology term:

Monotheism

Monotheism from the Greek [*mono*] meaning one and [*theos*] meaning God. It is the doctrine applied particularly to religions like Judaism or Christianity which believe in only one God.

<http://www.mountainretreat.org.net/faq/glossary.html#monotheism>

Memory verse for the month: May 2010 (ESV)

Dale's Notes

Read: 1st Jn.1:7**MAY - Part I**

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light ...”

Forgive me for being late, it's a little weighty this month for me but our God is faithful. (Psalms 34:10) The young loins do lack and suffer hunger: but they that **seek** the Lord shall not want any good thing! We can be confident our God will not hold back any good thing (*Pro 3:27*), look at Christ whom He [GOD the Father] spared not (*Rom 8:32*)! It's hard for me mentally to wait on Lord in prayer and seek him in every opportunity with gratefulness than being employed at a task GOD has already given (*waiting is tough*). Anyway, our verse this month revealed to me just how practical it is in daily living. You cannot enjoy the light of God's fellowship if you're walking contrary to it and you don't have to move far from the light to quench its [His] brilliance in you; sin is sin! (*1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.*)

There is no fellowship, union, friendship, common ground with the house of God and Belial: Read 2 Corinthians. (LITV)

2Co 6:14 Do not be unequally yoked *with* unbelievers. For what partnership does righteousness *have* with lawlessness? And what fellowship does **light** *have* with **darkness**?

2Co 6:15 And what agreement does Christ *have* with Belial? Or what part does a believer *have* with an unbeliever?

2Co 6:16 And what agreement does a temple of God *have* with idols? For you are a temple of *the* living God, even as God said, "I will" dwell in them and "walk among *them*, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people." *Lev. 26:12; Ezek. 37:27*

2Co 6:17 Because of this, "come out from among them" "and be separated," says *the* Lord, "and do not touch *the* unclean thing," and I will receive you. *Isa. 52:11*

2Co 6:18 "And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons" and daughters to Me, says *the* Lord Almighty. *2 Sam. 7:8, 14; Isa. 43:6*

You notice the answers to all the questions above are none or nothing!

Let's take a closer look at the word "Belial" (*Satan*), so there is a better understanding of the use of the word.

Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible (eSword software)

Belial - *Βελιαλ* Belial or *Βελιαζ* Beliar, as it is found in some of the late editions. The form Beliar is Syriac. The Hebrew word *בליעל* b'liya'al means literally without profit; worthlessness; wickedness. It is here evidently applied to Satan. The Syriac translates it "Satan." The idea is, that the persons to whom Paul referred, the pagan, wicked, unbelieving world, were governed by the principles of Satan, and were "taken captive by him at his will" (*2Ti 2:26* compare *Joh 8:44*), and that Christians should be separate from the wicked world, as Christ was separate from all the feelings, purposes, and plans of Satan. He had no participation in them; he formed no union with them; and so it should be with the followers of the one in relation to the followers of the other.

John MacArthur's Study Bible

2Co 6:15 Belial. An ancient name for Satan, the utterly worthless one (*see notes on Deut. 13:13*). This contrasts sharply with Jesus Christ, the worthy One with whom believers are to be in fellowship.

Now we come to our verse, which points to our personal walk in the light and fellowship with God. The verses 1Jn 1:6-7 ask the reader two logical questions, meaning the reader must consider themselves, “if this is true or false of them “and the verses give the outcome base upon what we say and what we do. Let’s read it.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk in darkness**, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jn 1:7 But if we **walk in the light**, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jn 1:6 and 7 are comparisons of two types of walk: the walk in darkness and the walk in light.

1. **The walk in darkness**, consist of being counted a liar, one that does not do the truth, and one who does not have fellowship with Him [God]. This is hypocrisy and deception!
2. **The walk in light**, consist of walking with God in the light [truth] having fellowship with God and those abiding in truth, and the benefit to those who are walking in light - is “the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanse us from all sin” (This being the regeneration and sanctifying work of God, to keep holy and in fellowship with him those who are walking in the light, by the ongoing forgiveness found only in salvation)

The Drive Is!

It’s **not** enough to say I’m in the light when the light calls out for you to be in harmony with its makeup, obedient to its call, to be in fellowship with the One whose radiance shines throughout eternity! We all know the verse that even Satan translates himself into an angel of light but he is not! He puts on the uniform and he deceitfully selects his words but he is a murder, liar, not walking in the truth of the light of God (*Jn 8:44*).

Joh 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Listen to the strong words of Apostle Paul to the Corinthians, to those who maintain a practice of living and speaking a life of deception.

2Co 11:13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

It’s **not** enough to say I know Jesus or I know the Lord, **if** my way of living speaks vastly different than the one whom I call my Lord. No; **this fellowship, this light**, forces its participants into a particular order as to requirement, there is a necessity to adhere, to listen, and to obey God in our walk in life! This is why we read “But If we **walk** in the light as he is in the light ...”showing our decision, our choice to be actively participating in the light. But there is more, just like the light is currently, continually shining; so must our walk be in continuance to enjoy the fellowship with God, so one must be in Christ!

Must be in the light and of the truth

For the sake of time: there is no light in you if you have **not** come to the one who is light. I mean Jesus Christ the savior! Have you heard the message, the gospel, the witness, the testimony of God, the words of life? I mean have you received it unto yourself, through faith, in obedience unto repentance, confessing your sins before GOD for your walk of darkness [sins]. If this is not true of you, it doesn’t matter how much you say you are in the light, the truth is you’re still in darkness to Christ, to God! The only answer for you is to repent, confess your sins, and receive the light of life! You cannot walk in something you are not in, you cannot obey what you’re not

part of, you have to be in the light to obey the light; you have to have the light of life to live in the light of God. The reason being the fellowship is a spiritual one, because the one in whom we have fellowship with is God the Father and with His son Jesus Christ, this speaks of the type of union within the fellowship. The use of the words *Father and Son* denote to the reader it's a godly, family, relationship and the use of the words "*fellowship with one another*" implies others within the same relationship. Also, the words "*and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanses us from all sins*". This speaks of the work of Christ upon the cross and God the Father giving his son to purge away all our sins. There is another part here which needs to be said, the purging and cleansing of sins speaks of the nature of the walk in light and fellowship, which is in holiness, separate from darkness and separate from sin.

The continual confession of sin (as in 1Jn 1:9) gives witness to the fact a change has occurred in one's life, salvation now has come. The concern here is the one who now walks in the light seeks to please Him [GOD] who is the light and does not want Him [God] to find any occasion of darkness or fault but truth being lived out in love with Holy Communion with Him [God] and His[God's] people!

God is Light!

John said "this then is the message that God is light and in him is no darkness at all"! Wow, that is powerful! No darkness at all! None! Absolutely no darkness! Let me say it another way, GOD is completely perfect light! GOD is always light! GOD is always shining, because God is Light! Simply put, just as God is Love found in 1Jn 4:8, so He is light. These are not arbitrary terms but facts, absolutes' concerning God himself.

(KJV 1Jn 4:8) Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

It's like our Lord said of himself; I am the way, the truth and the life no man comes to Father but by me! The terms Jesus Christ uses of himself are only descriptive of GOD. No man can say he is truth, he is life. These two terms find their place (perfect meaning) in the very character of GOD and that is not to leave out the words The WAY! The words are specific, specific to God alone!

Example:

You can say I am in the truth, I know the truth but you are not the truth.

You can say I am in the vine and part of the vine (as to the branches) even bear fruit of the vine but you are not the vine.

One more: you can say you are in love, that is to say, you love but you are not love. We can only try to express through action what GOD truly is.

I thank God he has manifested His Light, His Word, His Son; and the light shine in the darkness and the darkness comprehended it not!

Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

English: Comprehend

katalambanō

kat-al-am-ban'-o

From [G2596](#) and [G1983](#); *to take eagerly*, that is, *seize, possess*, etc. (literally or figuratively): - apprehend, attain, come upon, comprehend, find, obtain, perceive, (over-) take.

The verse John 1:5 speaks of the Word of God shining in the darkness and the darken minds of men understood it not or could not take hold of it, seize, apprehend it, attain unto it, perceive it! This is the same Word that spoke the creation into existence (*Jn1:3, Heb 1:3, Col 1:16*), this is the Word found on the top of Mount Sinai (*Ex 20:1*), this is the Word that came to the mouth of His prophets (*Jer 2:4*) "Hear the Word of the LORD" and this is

the Word that came in cloven tongues of fire at Pentecost (*Acts 2:4 ...and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*), and this is that Word shining forth in this darken world being declared from the being of time.

(KJV John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word Was GOD!

The English word comprehend in the King James version is rendered different in other version; (ESV) overcome, (ASV) apprehended. These renderings show the darkness cannot over take the light, to dim, put out, and forbid the light to shine! No wonder: God is the light and in him is no darkness at all and it's this Word (*Jesus Christ the gospel*) that shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it!

But our Gospel speaks to men's darkness as hating the light, the light of God!

It tells us in John 3:17 that men love darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil; (ESV) speak to all of humanity that "people loved the darkness".

(ESV Joh 3:19) **And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.**

Joh 3:20 **For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.**

But our gospel doesn't speak of superficial hope but rather, it shines the light of truth and exposes men's sin and reveals the fact God is light and in him is no darkness at all. It's this message (the gospel) that shines into the hearts of men and women to bring them to repentance of their sins as in the next verse.

Joh 3:21 **But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."**

I don't know where you are at with your struggles but I do know you cannot live a life of disobedience and expect to have fellowship with God! Does not matter (generally speaking): if you don't have Christ then you fail the test to walk in what God has called you to in Christ, salvation! If you are a Christian and you've been join to Christ through salvation but don't obey, then you shame the fellowship and the name by the one you are called; because you resist the grace of God to bless you in the union you are now join. Do not be deceived God is not mocked what you sow is what you will reap (*Gal 6:7*).

(KJV) Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for your only Son Jesus Christ and grant us mercy to walk in your truth, in your light as you are in the light. Fill us with your Holy Spirit to share the gospel and live life in obedience to your commands in Christ, fulfilling our ministries to which you have called us too. We ask you to forgive us of our sins so our hearts to do not condemn us when we come to petition you.

Amen

MAY - Part II

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

“This then is the message...”

Let’s go back to the beginning of John’s letter and look at the introduction to the message he [John] declares unto you. He spends a great deal of time to give witness to physical evidence of what “WE” (*he and others*) heard, seen, examined, and handled. He [John] could have said “which we have seen” or we heard and stopped; the readers would have understood he saw something and heard something but he doesn’t! John gives further insight in the physical aspects, for there is something of greater emphases, so he tells his readers I not only saw it but I seen it with my own eyes and not him only but others, because he uses the collective pronoun “we”. He lands blow after blow with adjectives that display something great has happen to him and others and now he shares it with you the reader.

The fact he uses the words “that which was (*meaning existed, not came into being but was*) from the Beginning...” signified something and the readers are responsible to understand what was from the beginning. We can find in the gospel of John 1:1-5 in the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God, this speaking of the Lord Jesus Christ and his personage as to Deity, Christ creating all things (*Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.*), and He [Jesus Christ] being called the true light (*Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*).

So, we already know from our text he [John] is talking of Christ because he plainly tells the readers his goal is to reveal and offer the fellowship with God the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

(KJV) 1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

The terms used in the opening of this letter almost completely parallel the gospel of John chapter 1.

The words in 1Jn 1:1 “which we heard” go with the words “from the beginning”, this could take into account God’s message of the messiah to come, preached to the Jews from one generation to another. Meaning not something new but the fulfillment of what God has already declared from the beginning of creation. If we are to look at it from a simple view we can say, easily, he [John] heard Him [Jesus Christ] but because of the detailed description the weight lays on the side of fulfillment of prophecy pointing to God’s only begotten Son (*ASV- John 1:18 no man has seen God at anytime; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declare him*).

Just like we read of Philip when getting Nathanael; speaking with regards to fulfillment and the messiah.

(ESV) Joh 1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, **“Follow me.”**
Joh 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Joh 1:45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, **"We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."**

Joh 1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Joh 1:47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, **"Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"**

Can you see the excitement of John, the other apostles finding Jesus the fulfillment of the prophets and Moses! Wow, how exciting what a blessing to be accounted one of those to set their eyes on, to handle, to hear and to examine in detail (live with) for three and half years! This is the message he [John] comes with and not only him but those who had the same privilege as himself [The other apostles].

But now we come to the message that John declares and he heralds the truth that God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all! After reading some the commentaries and the definition for the word light it becomes clear our text is speaking of a body of truth or sum of truth pointing to the Gospel as a complete doctrine which is the message.

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible

1Jn 1:5

This then is the message - This is the grand principle on which all depends, which we have heard of **απ' αὐτου**, From him; for neither Moses nor the prophets ever gave that full instruction concerning God and communion with him which Jesus Christ has given, for the only-begotten Son, who was in the bosom of the Father, has alone declared the fullness of the truth, and the extent of the blessings, which believers on him are to receive. See [Joh 1:18](#).

God is light - The source of wisdom, knowledge, holiness, and happiness; and in him is no darkness at all - no ignorance, no imperfection, no sinfulness, no misery. And from him wisdom, knowledge, holiness, and happiness are received by every believing soul. This is the grand message of the Gospel, the great principle on which the happiness of man depends.

We've come again to our verse and we can see John lays out five **"if"** statements to the end of the chapter, asking the reader to examine themselves in light of the truth of the gospel, as to be walking in the light and having fellowship with God the Father and His Son Jesus or to be walking in darkness outside the fellowship of God and his truth.

The five **"if"** statements can be broken into two categories **those who say** and **those who do**. The Christ life is a life of fellowship with God and doing! The works that flow out of the life having fellowship with God demonstrate a life of obedience to the Lord's commands and confession to him for failure along the way.

Three times in the last part of the chapter it deals with an individual saying something doing another.

- 1.) **1Jn 1:6** **If we say** we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- 2.) **1Jn 1:8** **If we say** we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

3.) **1Jn 1:10** **If we say** we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The above verses show a practice in life of disobedience towards God, not doing His truth, the word of God is not in them, and they are outside the fellowship of God. Did you notice they say “we have no sin” or “we have not sinned” showing they have not repented of their sin but deny the truth which God has spoken concerning them and currently walk in darkness.

Now there are two verses sandwiched between the above verses giving us the contrast of the walk in light and the walk in darkness. The illustration of the walk in light is a person, which has a life of obedience, practicing God’s truth, the word of God is in them, and they have fellowship with Him. This is a life of doing!

- 1.) **1Jn 1:7** But **if we walk** in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- 2.) **1Jn 1:9** **If we confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

As I said last week, the practice of an individual’s life towards God flows out of a change which God has worked through salvation. The reason one obeys God is not merely because of command but of love towards Him [GOD] who now live within the heart of the confessing sinner. Now, the changed life or saved life desires to please the Lord Jesus Christ in every way and enjoy the joyous fellowship that resides within them through the Holy Spirit.

So the walk of darkness and the walk of light are clearly identified by one’s practice in life.

1Jn 3:6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

1Jn 3:8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

Do you see how this forces us to look within ourselves, to validate the work of God in our lives, to see if salvation is present? We must check ourselves against the truth of God if we truly are walking in the light as he is in the light.

1Jn 3:18 Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Remember these words “if we say” but our life points to the fact we do not, we’ve failed the test to prove the light is in us. But if we confess our sin he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Provided our hearts have been changed through the work of salvation to pursue Him [GOD] in righteousness.

We all fail at one point or another but the question rest on the practice of your life, the output. What are your desires [HABITUAL PRACTICE] pointing towards? Do you love the Lord Jesus Christ and His way,

His truth, His life? Is it your heart's desire [to practice] to have fellowship with God and those of His household? You cannot sit on the fence and have one foot in with the people of God and one foot in the world! You cannot say I love God and live in the world and you cannot say I love God and do not obey his truth! “, you cannot serve two masters.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Judge yourselves whither you are in the faith.

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

Prayer

Thank you Heavenly Father for your good gifts, your word, the truth that lights our path. Open our heart to understand what you already have freely given us in Jesus Christ our savior. Help us to obey your truth and walk in your light in the grace given us. Purge us from secret fault and make new in us things of God. Help us fulfill our ministry of the works that you have prepared for us to walk in that in everything you may be glorified.

Amen.