



# THE VOICE

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## Truth and Freedom

By Kesha Griffin

The popular saying "the truth hurts" implies that what is good (knowing truth) for us will cause us pain. It's no wonder why we have conditioned our minds to avoid and reject the truth at all cost, because none of us want to experience pain.

However, the Bible teaches us the opposite is true; our belief in a lie is what truly hurts, and our acceptance of the truth is what sets us free (John 8:32).

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but by me" (John 14:6), giving us profound principles to help us attain freedom in our lives.

1. **Know the truth.** The way we can know the truth is to know Jesus Christ through a personal relationship with Him and by reading the Word. We must stop listening to worldly "experts" who think they know what's best for us, what life is about, who God is and how to get to Heaven. Know Jesus, know truth. (Eph 4:21; John 14:6,17; John 8:45-47; 1 Cor 2:14)
2. **Seek the truth.** Contrary to the popular opinion of many, Jesus states He is the ONLY way (to God, Heaven). As Christians we are not to follow the ways of the world and our own opinions/beliefs, which leads to bondage of worldliness and sin. Rather we are to actively, persistently, intentionally stay on the path of truth and freedom from sin by following Jesus. (Jer 29:13; 1 Cor 3:18; 2 Cor 10:5; Prov 3:3; Acts 17:11)
3. **Obey the truth.** The Word instructs us to be DOERS of the Word, therefore knowing the truth is not enough. We must take action and live it out. A godly lifestyle and our obedience to Scripture is how we obtain true freedom and how we prove that we believe that Jesus is who He says He is (God) and that the Bible is true. (James 1:22; John 14:15,23,24)

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### *Mark Your Calendar*

\*Sunday, 7.20.14 @ 10a

**"Exploring the Bible"**

Summer Classes @ DaySpring

\*Saturday, 7.26.14 @ 12p-4p

**Church Picnic**

Arthur Lee Johnson Park

1200 W 170<sup>th</sup> Street | Gardena 90247

\*Saturday, 8.16.14 @ 1p-6p

**WOW Ministry Outing**

\*Sunday, 8.24.14 @ 11a

**Friends & Family Day**

**@ DaySpring**

### BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. The Truth.
2. Sin. Righteousness. Jesus died for our sins. So that we may be redeemed and reconnected with God, the Father (Rom 3:25, Rom 4:25).
3. False. Spiritual freedom is found in knowing the truth and truth is found in the person of Jesus Christ (John 8:31-32, John 14:6). As we get to know Jesus we begin to know truth and He sets us free from being slaves to sin, ultimately free from the power of death and hell.

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*~ Scripture Memory Verse ~*

"and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ~ John 8:32

# DaySpring Christian Center

## Member Spotlight



The theme for this month is Truth and Freedom. I'm just so grateful to be associated with a church wherein GOD uses our Pastor to give us the TRUTH and, in that, we have the freedom of CHRIST. This month's highlighted member is Geovanny (Geo) Martinez, a man that is striving for GOD, TRUTH, and FREEDOM in his life (as we pray we all are).

*"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

These verses have pointed out two aspects of the gospel that go hand in hand, truth and freedom. In Truth, we find the freedom that we were intended to have. Truth, in Christ, if we seek and grow in it, offers an opportunity, a choice. The choice is between living a life ruled by sin or to live a life ruled by the truth that we are sinners, but now live in accordance to the gospel that teaches Jesus Christ, and overcome sinful lifestyles and desires. This Truth, the gospel, encourages us to seek, know, and understand what real freedom is. When we reside in Truth, in Christ, we are released from deceptions in this life and that allows us to become what GOD intended us to be: victors, inheritors, Children of God!

In times of suffering we get trapped into thinking that there is no relief or that relief, if any, can only come through tangible things. However, once we know the truth in Christ, we are freed from the self-pity mindset and become confident in our trials, to be led by the Holy Spirit, not the illusions of the flesh. Thank you for not letting sin rule my life, but for giving me truth that in this life I can overcome sin. My Redeemer! Thank you, Jesus. ~ by Geovanny Martinez

### DaySpring Member Services

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### BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers found under the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page 1.

1. In John 8, what did Jesus say would "set free" the Jews that believed in Him?
2. **Fill in the blank.** According to Romans 6:17-18 as believers in Jesus Christ we have been set free from \_\_\_\_\_ and become slaves of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. **True/False.** Spiritual freedom comes from following all of God's commandments and striving for perfection in conduct and good works.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

### *"Exploring the Bible"*

7-WEEK

SUMMER SESSION!!

Sundays @ 10AM

**STARTS---> 7.20.14**

Children up to 12 (Multi-Purpose Rm) | Age 13-Adults (Sanctuary)

➤ **DAYSPRING T-SHIRT** ordering postponed until further notice.

➤ **MINISTRY SERVING OPPORTUNITIES.**

Contact Ki Hughes at [khughes@dayspringcc.org](mailto:khughes@dayspringcc.org) or 323.608.9586

### "Truth and Freedom" Continued ...

Our failure to be truth seekers and to obediently live out the truth of The Word makes us vulnerable to deception by false teaching and self-deception. To constantly reject and suppress the truth not only keeps us in bondage to sin, but can also lead us away from God (2 Tim 4:4; Rom 1:18,25; Rom 2:8,13; Matt 7:21-23).

Let's embrace the truth of Scripture and allow it to free us. May we find rest and hope in the promise of Jesus, that He is the way that leads us to a life of peace, joy, and freedom, on earth and for eternity.

**CHURCH SERVICES: Sundays 11am | Bible Class- Tuesdays 7pm**

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