

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Discovery

"The greatest obstacle to discovery is not ignorance – it is the illusion of knowledge." – Daniel J. Boorstin

"In my youth I stressed freedom, and in my old age I stress order. I have made the great discovery that liberty is a product of order." – Will Durant

"Sixty years ago I knew everything; now I know nothing; education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance." – Will Durant

The greatest discovery of my generation is that man can alter his life simply by altering his attitude of mind." – James Truslow Adams

"With time, many of the facts I learned were forgotten but I never lost the excitement of discovery." – Paul Berg

Discovery is the "act of finding or learning something for the first time: the act of discovering something" (Webster). No, it is not a word found in the sacred text, but there were certainly instances where discoveries were recorded.

One of the most noted was that of Peter's new found truth that the Lord died for the salvation of the Gentiles also. This led to Peter's well-known words, "...Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him" (Acts 10:34-25, KJV).

There likely have been times in your own life when you have made a discovery, relative to Scripture, that you had not noticed before. It is amazing at times to study God's Word and look over a passage and see a truth that previously eluded you. That is part of the growth process.

Discoveries of this nature are only valuable if you have the humility to accept them. While sitting in a class year's ago, an instructor would say with such gentleness, "You have the right to be wrong." Sometimes our pride will not allow us to accept a new found discovery.

Many a passage of Scripture has not been correctly understood because we read it with a preconceived idea. Our misconception clouds our vision to see what it is that God has to say. We find ourselves manipulating the written text to say what we think it should say.

Discovering a truth is an exhilarating experience. If we are open to accepting God's Word and let God tell us His truths, it is amazing the things that we can learn.

Remove the prejudices. Remove the pre-conceived concepts. There are truths that await you in the sacred text if you would but open your eyes to see them.