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**The body of Christ in Africa and the world should
be a body that focuses on enlightenment and
encouragement in the scriptures.**



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...they received the word with all readiness of
mind, and searched the scriptures daily,
whether those things were so."

CHRIST IS COMING SOON AND WILL REIGN ON EARTH

BRO. BOB BENT

One thing the Bible constantly teaches—and we often resist—is honest self-examination.

Scripture doesn't encourage noise, performance, or appearances. It repeatedly calls us to pause, to examine our hearts, our motives, and our obedience. Not for condemnation—but for alignment.

The Bible is clear: hearing the Word is not the same as living it. Knowledge without practice only feeds pride. Faith without discipline produces stagnation.

What I keep learning is that God is far more interested in who we are becoming than in how loudly we claim belief. Consistency matters. Character matters. Quiet obedience matters.

Sunday, for me, is not about pretending the week was perfect. It's about asking:

What did this week reveal about me?

Where did I obey?

Where did I compromise?

And what needs correction before I move forward?

The Word doesn't just comfort—it confronts. And I'm grateful for that.

Because growth in faith is not proven by spiritual language, but by daily alignment.

That's the lesson I'm sitting with today



Paradise.

Luke 23:43.

And Jesus said unto him, "assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.

Above are Christ words to one of the criminals hanging on his side.

One is wise enough to recognize Jesus, while the other mocked Jesus.

Jesus was in deep pain. Thorns covered his head, nails on feet and hands, a spear ready to pierce his side. Despite how the conditions were, Jesus had conversations with both criminals. He assured repentant criminal that he would be with him in paradise.

Does Jesus' words contradict what he had said earlier to the Pharisees and Sadducees who asked for a sign?

Here is what Jesus previously had said ...

Matthew 12:38-40

[38] Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

[39] But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

[40] For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

1 Cor 15:3-4 Paul is very clear on point that Jesus died and was buried and rose on third day.

John 19:41-42 gives more emphasis that Jesus was in tomb till when God resurrected him.

Another important verses are in John 20:14-17.

Jesus is clear that he has not been in heaven but soon he was to ascend to his Father. What exactly Jesus, Paul and John reveal to us is that none goes to paradise or heaven after death.

Brother Stephen.

About us

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July Readings

- 1 Samuel,
- 2 Samuel,
- Isaiah,
- Jeremiah,
- Revelations,
- Matthewel &
- Romans.



Bible study groups

Let us study the Bible online, together. We have different Bible study groups, that works best for each of us. If we study the Bible together on WhatsApp, Zoom and in our gatherings, we learn from each other.



Our Fellowships

Why do Christadelphians not believe Jesus is God?



Our Ecclesias in the world

Ahsante kwa Kazi to Ecclesia in Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, Uganda, Tanzania, USA, Canada, Mozambique, Australia and Papa New Guinea.

Acts 17:10

Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.



“Faith From the Inside Out”

1: Faith Must Be Personal

True faith is not simply accepting what our parents, friends, or ecclesia believe. Each believer must develop a personal conviction based on God's Word. As Paul wrote, "*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith*" (**2 Corinthians 13:5**). Our faith should be founded upon personal understanding and trust in God rather than merely following tradition.

2: Knowledge Must Produce Change

It is possible to know many doctrines and scriptures yet fail to allow them to shape our character. God's purpose is not merely to fill our minds with knowledge but to transform our lives. If our understanding does not lead to greater humility, love, patience, and obedience, then we need to reflect on whether the truth is truly working within us.

3: God Looks at the Heart

Throughout Scripture, God emphasizes the condition of the heart rather than outward appearances. The Pharisees performed many religious acts publicly, yet Christ rebuked them because their hearts were far from God. Our worship, prayers, and service should flow from sincere devotion rather than a desire to be seen by others.

4: Faith Is Seen in Daily Living

Faith should influence how we speak to others, how we treat our families, how we conduct ourselves at work, and how we respond to trials. James teaches that faith without works is dead. Genuine faith naturally produces actions that reflect God's character.

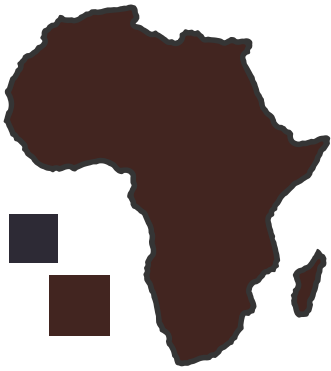
5: Spiritual Growth Requires Self-Examination

This theme challenges us to regularly ask: *Why do I believe what I believe? Is my service motivated by love for God? Am I growing spiritually or simply maintaining religious habits? Does my conduct reflect the gospel I profess?*

"Faith from the inside out reminds us that God desires more than correct doctrine and outward worship. He seeks transformed hearts that willingly submit to His Word. When faith is genuine, it becomes visible in every aspect of our lives, bringing glory to God and strengthening our witness before others."

These teachings and principles commonly emphasized in Scripture while keeping the discussion balanced and practical.

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African Berean Ecclesia

News & Events

**The Berean Christadelphian
August 2026
Annual Gathering**

Location: **Phalombe, Malawi**
Dates: 28th - 30th August, 2026

Theme: Be Ye Transformed

**The Berean Christadelphian
Africa
Annual Gathering**

Location: **Madowa, Uganda**
Dates: 17th - 20th December, 2026

Theme: Be Ye Transformed

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Continue next month should the Lord will.
