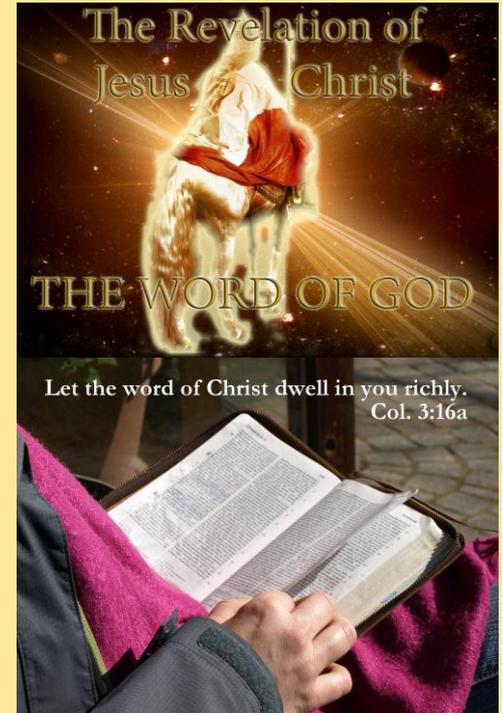
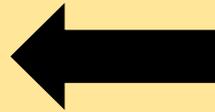
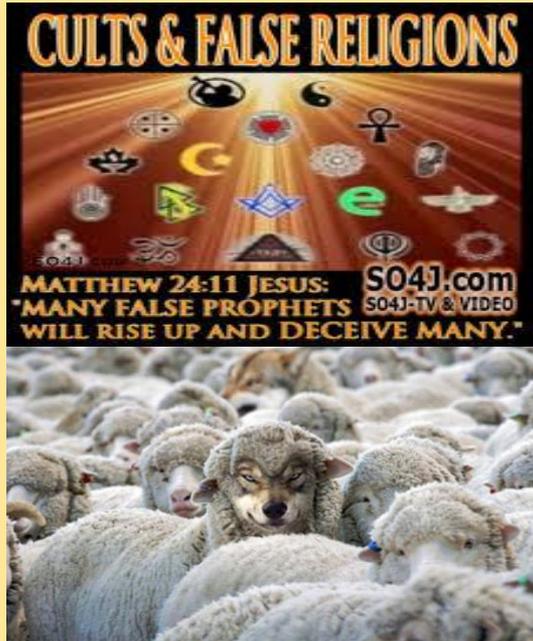


Message to the Colossian Church



Arming against false teaching

Old self



Put off



Put on

New self



Repent, Col. 3:8-9

put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth.

Col. 3: 12-14 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;
¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*.

¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Further Instructions Col. 4:2-6

2 Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ³ meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the ^[a]mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, ⁴ that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

*5 **Walk in wisdom** toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, **seasoned with salt**, that you may **know how you ought to answer each one.***

God's will be done

something that we clearly express in the Lord's prayer in **Mat. 6:10**,
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus taught us. **Mat. 16:19** or **Mat. 18:18**, *And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you **bind on earth will be bound in heaven**, and whatever you **loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.***"

Walk in Wisdom, V6

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Gaining Wisdom

If any of us lacks **wisdom**, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (*James 1:5.*)

❑ **Eccl. 10:12-13**, *the words of a wise man's mouth are gracious.*

But the lips of a fool shall swallow him up; the words of his mouth begin with foolishness, and the end of his talk is raving madness.

❑ **Prov. 10:14**, *Wise people store up knowledge, but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.*

❑ **Prov. 14:33**, *Wisdom rests in the heart of him who understands, but what is in the heart of fools is made known.*

❑ **Prov. 15:2**, *The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.*

The **wisdom** that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. *James 3:17*

Seasoned with Salt

Ever heard of salty Language or “gezouten taal”?

Jesus words on where our speech comes from:

Mat. 12:34, ³⁴ *Brood^[a] of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out **of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.***

Mark 7:20-23, ²⁰ *And He said, “What **comes out of a man, that defiles a man.***
²¹ ***For from within, out of the heart of men,** proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, ²² thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.*
²³ ***All these evil things come from within and defile a man.”***

Season with salt

Lev.2:13, ¹³ *And every offering of your grain offering you shall **season with salt;** you shall not allow the **salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering.** With all your offerings you shall offer salt.*

Fulfilled in Christ

Salt

Salt must be added to every sacrifice:

- **Salt has a purifying influence**, Christ's influence purified the lives of those he contacted, believers are called to be the salt of the earth.
- **Salt is the emblem of incorruption** and **Christ's body saw no corruption (Psalm 16:10)**.
- Salt is also the emblem of Divine grace and Christ's words are always health-giving and wholesome.
- Finally, it is called **'the salt of the covenant'** in **Lev. 2:13**. **The offerer was in a covenant relationship with God and salt was seen as the seal of friendship**. God has made an everlasting covenant of friendship with us.

The words we chose

So then, our words will express;

- **Tolerance, not judgment, Prov. 12: 18**, *There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health.*
- **Thankfulness, not complaint, 2 Cor. 2:15**, *we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.*
- **Kindness, not bitterness, Proverbs 15:4**, *A wholesome tongue is a tree of life. But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*

What We know

Matt. 12:36-37, *But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”*

What we need

Heart surgery!

Psalms 51:10, “ Create in me a clean heart , O God”.