



## Scripture Nugget - The Word of God is truth and stands forever

*He said in reply, "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the Mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:4).*

**Your Word is truth (John 17:17).** The truth may mean different things to different people. However, there is only one Truth that is holy, living, divine, absolute, eternal, immutable, gives the highest degree of freedom, and flies high above all other truths. This Truth is Jesus Christ (cf. John 14:6) and all that He stands for (cf. John 17:17). This is the highest truth and is the truth that is most important to us because this Truth is the Son of the Most High God. The world cannot understand this saving truth because it is closed to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth and reminds us of all the things Christ taught us (cf. John 16:13, 14:26). God desires everyone to know the truth and to attain salvation (cf. 1Timothy 2:4). The truths of our Christian faith help us discern the things that are true, good and that will help us towards salvation from those that are false, contrary to the teachings of Christ and which will endanger our salvation. Discernment between good and evil is vital for our salvation especially in our present world where so much evil is dressed up as good and true and even legalized. Thus, allegiance to God's commandments will protect us from evil.

**God's Word stands forever and cannot be tampered with.** *Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away (Matthew 24:35).* All other truths will pass away but not the Word of God. Christ takes great efforts to explain this truth to His disciples: *Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place (Matthew 5:18).* Because Scripture is true and stands forever with the full backing of God, we can have absolute reliance and trust in it. The Holy Spirit will not be teaching us new truths but will glorify Christ by helping us understand all the truths Christ already taught us (cf. John 16:13-14). God has already revealed to us the truths necessary for our salvation through the revelation of Jesus Christ and all the teachings Christ taught us Himself. St Paul warns against anyone tampering with Scripture: *But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach [to you] a gospel other than the one that we preached to you, let that one be accursed! (Galatians 1:8).* The Book of Revelation in Rev 22:18-19 describes the harsh punishment to those who add or subtract from Scripture. Thus, no one in the Church hierarchy can proclaim a novel truth under the guise of inspiration of the Spirit.

**Conversation with Jesus:** Precious Lord, You are the Living, Incarnate Word of God. Thank You for the gift of Scripture in which all the truths You taught us about God are contained. Scripture holds the latent power of God which You demonstrated when You defeated Satan in the desert by simply proclaiming Scripture. Scripture is the sword of the Spirit (cf. Ephesians 6:17) and has power over body, soul and spirit, and reveals the truth about inner thoughts and intentions (cf. Hebrews 4:12). Through it, I know Your Heart, Mind and Will better. Give me a great love for Scripture so that knowing You better, I will love You more. Mary, Mother of Salvation, pray for me. Thank You, Jesus. Praise You, Jesus.