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Endure– Pt 1 God, His mercy, His truth & His word endure 4 ever

This is a new study of the word “endure”. The catalyst for the teaching was to understand the verses that say we are to endure to be saved. Before we look at these verses we have completed a search to establish a meaning and its various uses in scriptures. First, the scriptures teach– (i) the Lord shall endure for ever, (ii) the Lord is good– for His mercy endures for ever, and (iii) the word of God is true and all of His judgments endure for ever.

Meaning from scripture

To endure all things is to bear all things– 1Cor 13:7– “Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things”.

To endure is to suffer –1Pet 2:19– “For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully”.

More detail from the scriptures on our three points –

1. The Lord shall endure for ever

“But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment” (Ps.9: 7). See also Ps.102:12, 26

2.The Lord is good; for his mercy endures for ever

“For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord” (2 Chr 5 :13). See also Ps.118:2, 3 & 4.

3. The word of God is true and all of His judgments endure for ever

“Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever” (Ps.119: 160).

Illustration

The authority for a Christian’s morality is the scriptures. Therefore, for a Christian to enter politics today they would have to abandon the plumbline of scripture.

Governments make laws based on the majority rule– whatever is good in the eyes of the majority is acceptable. Regardless of how degrading, destructive to families, or despicable it is for the young children, a bill that is right in their eyes will pass.

When the church is silent, or the loudest voice is those leaders that, from their own sin, endorse what is wicked behaviour and justify it by– “handling the word of God deceitfully” (2Cor.4: 2), they show their hearts are not right with God, and they have no authority.

Questions of the scriptures

If God’s word is true, and endures for ever– how do church leaders, those set by God (1 Cor,12: 28) to teach, and edify the body (in truth), stand for evil as good?

Answers from the scriptures

They believe not that God has preserved His words, nor that His words endure (continue) for ever, nor “his truth endureth to all generations” (Ps.100: 5). When the English church turned away from the Authorised Bible they were plunged into two consecutive world wars, and that nation has continued to slide. The visible church is either Roman, or it accepts sin. Like in our country, many Christians no longer believe that God’s word endures for ever, nor His truth endures for ever. If they did, their moral compass would not continue to degrade with our societies decline.

Praise God, for His name, His mercy, His truth, His word and His righteousness endure for ever! And – Christ who is our righteousness– is “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb.13: 8). “Praise ye the Lord” Amen!