

## “Proper Usage”



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The Apostle Paul refers to the Word of God as the sword of the Spirit.<sup>[a]</sup> He also says: “For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”<sup>[b]</sup>

Have you ever noticed when people who are not familiar with swords see a real sword for the first time they are just fascinated. They may pick it up or touch the blade. It is humorous to see the look on their faces when they pick up a longsword for the first time and experience it’s weight.

My point here is that someone who has no experience with a sword cannot effectively fight with the sword because:

- 1.) they have not sought out the necessary instruction on what the sword is capable of doing
- 2.) they have not been taught and/or developed the skills necessary to use the weapon
- 3.) they have not learned what damage can be done by someone inappropriately using a sword.

Notes:

[a] Eph.  
6:17

[b] Heb.  
4:12  
NIV

Let us go back to Paul’s words that called the Word of God the sword of the Spirit. The most effective way to “use” the Word of God is to FIRST learn the Word i.e. read and study it. Part of this process is learning from someone who knows the Word. The Lord has given us the “Five-Fold” for this express purpose—to teach us (his people) who we are in Christ and how to appropriately and effectively use the Word to bring Glory our Heavenly Father. The “Five-Fold” can also warn us of the damage inappropriate use of the Word can do to people. (Inappropriate use is use without grace and/or out of context). Our Heavenly Father has given us a great weapon—His Word. He has also given us everything we need to be able to use it effectively. All we have to do is follow his instructions.

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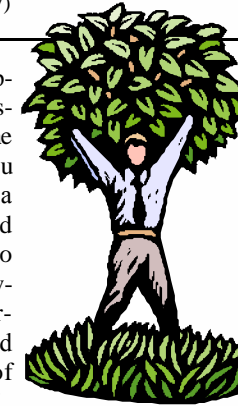
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## “Walking In Resurrection!” (Teaching Sketch)

Deuteronomy 28:3-11 (NIV)



You will notice the scripture used to start this session reminds us of the blessings of God! You may say, “What does a scripture from the Old Testament have to do with resurrection and living and walking in resurrection? Doesn’t the Old Testament only talk of law and condemnation?”

posed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.<sup>22</sup> But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in

### Background

Well, I can see those questions can be asked. Many people find it difficult to see how they could be encouraged by all the dos and don’ts of the Old Testament but you see, that is a part of the problem! Many have never been taught a proper relationship between the Old Testament and the New Testament. As a result, few can truly appreciate just what Jesus the Christ did for those who would receive him and what he did by his death, burial, and resurrection.

We read in Galatians 3:21-25:

<sup>21</sup>Is the law, therefore, op-

Notes:

Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe.

[1]

<sup>23</sup>Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ<sup>[1]</sup> that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

Or charge until Christ came

The law, you see, leads us to Christ.

### Law and Grace

Many are confused today about grace and law. Our knowledge of the law of Moses educates us as to what

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:3-11 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.		
4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.	[a] Or languages; also in verse 11	blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.
5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.	[b] Or sweet wine with God	9 The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in his ways. 10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.
6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.		11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your forefathers to give you.
7 The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.		
8 The LORD will send a		

### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

**Our service usually follows this general pattern:**

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** (Offerings are placed in the basket at this time)
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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is godly, but since Jesus the Christ fulfilled The Law for us we no longer have the burden of attempting to fulfill it ourselves. This statement may seem radical to many but fulfilling The Law of Moses was not its destruction but its satisfaction.

Jesus gave a new way which, when incorporated in a Believer's life, really covered all aspects of life which man could not keep on his own but with the Holy Spirit all things are possible to those who believe. Jesus spoke of the rule of love as the most important. Jesus paid the price for all mankind in his work on the cross! This means that the only thing a person can do to put themselves in an eternal hell is not to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior! Jesus paid the price for all other sins! When a Believer is set free by Christ that Believer is free in deed and from all deeds of sin and the condition of sin!

### Walking In Resurrection

Walking in resurrection is just that, we are new creatures in Christ Jesus! All things have become new as believers we died to the sinful nature, and

are new resurrected beings in Christ! This is only difficult if we allow those who do not believe to define what our faith is and what Christ did, rather than the Bible.

If we find ourselves weighing a worldly view with a biblical world view rather than simply saying, "This is the Bible's way and this is the way it is, period!" we then, will find ourselves denying our own resurrection.

The only thing that kept the first century church in trouble was the resurrection message. Understanding who we are in Christ keeps us from being victims of every wind that blows first this way and that way.

Some will say to the Believer that the Believer is narrow-minded, closed-minded, bigoted, or unreasonable. These are the statements of a double minded person, an uncertain person who will be unstable in all their ways. Be that as it may as long as the Believer is Bible-minded and led by the Holy Spirit, the Believer will be the head and not the tail, the victor and not the victim! Walking in resurrection is walking the blessing of God!