

## Spiritual “Un”-Words

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Paul penned, “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual” (1 Cor. 2:13). There are several words in God’s revelation beginning with the prefix **Un**, denoting the absence of a quality or state, that are used to describe the child of God. I bring some of these “**Spiritual Un-Words**” to our attention.

1) **Unblameable**. Those in Colosse, who were enemies of God by wicked works, are now “...unblameable...” in His sight (Col. 1:21). To be “unblameable” is to be “blameless” (1 Cor. 1:8; Phil. 2:15; 1 Th. 5:23; 2 Pet. 3:14). How were these wicked workers made blameless? Through the blood of the cross (Col. 1:20), in the body of Christ (Col. 1:22), which is the church (Col. 1:24). Baptism brings one into contact with Jesus’ shed blood (Rom. 6:3-4; Jn. 19:33-34) and into the body (1 Cor. 12:13; Acts 2:41, 47).

2) **Uncorruptness**. Young men are exhorted, “In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine

shewing uncorruptness...” (Titus 2:7). We must be honest with the truth. Paul wrote the Corinthians, “For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ” (2 Cor. 2:17).

3) **Undefiled**. The Psalmist sang, “Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord” (Ps. 119:1). Laid out within the word of God is the path of purity! “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world” (Jas. 1:27).

4) **Unfeigned**. Among other things Paul said, “But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God...by love unfeigned” (2 Cor. 6:6). Do you know what Paul remembered about Timothy? “...the unfeigned faith that is in thee...” (2 Tim. 1:5). Peter addressed scattered strangers, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently” (1

Pet. 1:22). Unfeigned faith and love is the real deal: authentic and genuine; not pretentious or hypocritical.

5) **Unmoveable**. We are to have our feet on the ground, spiritually, so as to not be “...tossed to and fro, and carried about...” (Eph. 4:14). Paul concluded his resurrection writing with the appeal, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58). We sing, “Just like a tree that’s planted by the waters, I shall not be moved.” Now read Psalm 1:1-3.

6) **Unreproveable**. The Colossians would be presented “...unreproveable” in the sight of God, “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel...” (Col. 1:22-23). Being without reproof in His sight was conditioned upon their continuing! “But continue...” was the plea of Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:14).

Do these “**Spiritual Un-Words**” describe you? They can!

## Bible “Be Ye’s”

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Some outstanding commands of Scripture begin with the words, “Be ye...”

1) **Be Ye Perfect.** Jesus proclaimed, “Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect” (Mt. 5:48).

2) **Be Ye Wise And Harmless.** The Lord sent out disciples saying, “...be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” (Mt. 10:16).

3) **Be Ye Merciful.** Jesus preached, “Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father is also merciful” (Lk. 6:36).

4) **Be Ye Transformed.** We are to be different from the world. “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed...” (Rom. 12:2).

5) **Be Ye Followers.** Paul urged, “...be ye followers of me” (1 Cor. 4:16). And again, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1). What an example!

6) **Be Ye Children.** There is a sense in which we are to be children. “...in malice be ye children...” (1 Cor. 14:20). As children are innocent and have no ill-will, Christians are to lay aside all malice (1 Pet. 2:1).

7) **Be Ye Stedfast.** The Christian is to be firm and immovable. “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast...” (1 Cor. 15:58).

8) **Be Ye Reconciled.** Paul’s prayer was, “...be ye reconciled unto God” (2 Cor. 5:20). Reconciliation, the making of peace with God, is “...in one body by the cross” (Eph. 2:16).

9) **Be Ye Kind.** “And be ye kind one to another...” (Eph. 4:32) was the admonition of Paul to the Ephesians. There is no substitute for kindness!

10) **Be Ye Thankful.** Many are often unthankful as seen in nine lepers of Luke seventeen. Yet, we are commanded, “...be ye thankful” (Col. 3:15). “Thank you” are

two most important words!

11) **Be Ye Doers.** Christianity is a DOING religion! James said, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only...” (Jas. 1:22).

12) **Be Ye Patient.** “Be ye also patient...” (Jas. 5:8). We need a good dose of patience!

13) **Be Ye Holy.** Peter penned, “...be ye holy in all manner of conversation” (1 Pet. 1:15-16).

14) **Be Ye Of One Mind.** “...be ye all of one mind...” (1 Pet. 3:8). Unity is a must!

15) **Be Ye Sober.** “...be ye therefore sober...” (1 Pet. 4:7). To be sober is to be in one’s right mind!

16) **Be Ye Ready.** “Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not” (Lk. 12:40). Are you ready for Christ’s coming?

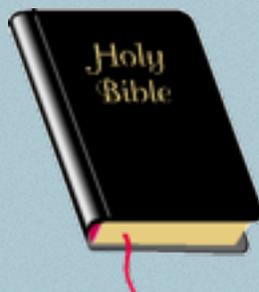
“Be ye” means be me!

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