

The Biggest Little Word In The Bible

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The word “in” is the biggest little word in the Bible. God has always put His blessings in something. Let’s take a look.

1) In The Ark. During the Patriarchal Age, salvation was in the ark. God commissioned Noah, “Make thee an ark of gopher wood...” (Gen. 6:14) and called Noah and his house “...into the ark...” (Gen. 7:1). Read Genesis 7 and underscore every time you see the words “in” and “into” with reference to the ark. Genesis 7:23 records, “...and Noah only remained alive, and they that were with him in the ark.” Peter noted about the ark, “...wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water” (1 Pet. 3:20). Would you have been saved in the ark?

2) In The House. To be spared from the plague of the death of the firstborn during the Period of Bondage in Egypt, you were required to apply the blood of the lamb and abide in your house. The Lord’s people were instructed, “...none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door,

and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you” (Ex. 12:22-23). Would you have been saved in the house?

3) In The City. The Lord said, “...there shall be six cities for refuge...that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at unawares” (Num. 35:6, 11). So, if you were cutting down a tree in the forest and the axe head accidentally flew off and hit somebody in the head, killing that person, provision was made for your protection to flee to a city of refuge. Numbers 35:25 says, “...and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest...” There was no safety outside the city as Numbers 35:28 declared, “...he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest...” Would you have been saved in the city?

4) In Rahab’s House. When Joshua sent two men to spy Jericho, arrangements were made for Rahab and her household to be saved. Three things were involved: she had to bind the scarlet line in the window, keep quiet about the business, and stay in the house. “And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy

house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him” (Josh. 2:19). Would you have been saved in Rahab’s house?

5) In The Ship. Acts 27 records the tempestuous sea voyage of Paul towards Rome. It may not have made any sense to some to stay in a ship when all hope that you would be saved was taken away. As the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, Paul said, “Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved” (Acts 24:31). And 276 souls were saved in the ship (Acts 27:37). Would you have been saved in the ship?

6) In Christ And The Church. Today, God’s blessings are in Christ and the church. Ephesians 1 teaches, “...all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (v. 3), “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (v. 7). Salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). Christ and the church are connected (Eph. 5:32), as a head and body are joined together (Eph. 1:22-23). Christ “...is the saviour of the body”

(Eph. 5:23). "...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). Now the question is, How do I get into Christ and the church? The answer: "...baptized into

Christ..." (Gal. 3:27) and "... baptized into one body..." (1 Cor. 12:13), "...which is the church" (Col. 1:24). Once you enter Christ and the church through baptism, then stay IN!

Jesus said, "Abide in me..." (Jn. 15:4). Paul said, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him" (Col. 2:6). Will you be saved in Christ and the church?

Leap Day

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With February 29 'leap day', I thought of some 'spiritual leap days'.

1) Day Of Deliverance From Enemies. Among the words spoken unto the Lord by David in song in the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies is the statement, "For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall" (2 Sam. 22:1, 30). Isn't it amazing what one is able to do by God?

2) Day Of Knowing The Lord Is God. The mount Carmel contest of 1 Kings 18 finds followers of Baal calling on the name of Baal from morning till night, cutting themselves till the blood gushed out upon them and verse 26

reports, "...they leaped upon the altar which was made." It's amazing how dedicated and sacrificial some people are to a false religion! They may put some followers of God to shame! On this 'leap day', it was vividly illustrated that, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God" (v. 39).

3) Day Of Joy. Luke 1 records, "...that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb for joy..." (vv. 41, 44). Joy to the world, a Savior was to be born!

4) Day Of Healing. It was prophesied, "Then shall the lame man leap as an hart..." (Is. 35:6). This surely came to pass during the time of Christ. Another leap day is when a

cripple who never had walked heard Paul speak, "And he leaped and walked" (Acts 14:8-10).

Come, obey the Lord and this can be a leap day for you!

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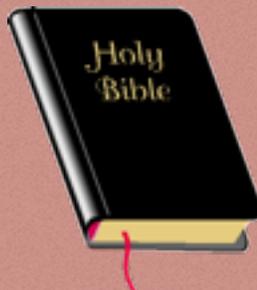
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