



Innovative Truth

Bringing Scripture to Life

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Merry Christmas!

Today is Sunday, 8 days before Christmas. I've just finished 5 Innovative Truth small group meetings this weekend. Wow! It's heartwarming to experience the joy of folks who embrace salvation and continue to want a closer relationship with Christ. With the small groups, as well as the on-line Discord ministry group, we are walking through Advent with daily scripture readings and a look at the writings of the phenomenal C.S. Lewis. You are welcome to join the Discord on-line group at any time! In the meantime, we'd like to share some of the favorite quotes of C.S. Lewis that are resonating with these new believers.

The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not.
— C.S. Lewis

To defeat the darkness out there, you must defeat the darkness in yourself - Aslan in The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

"Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself."
— C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"To have Faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that He says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus if you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him. But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to Heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of Heaven is already inside you." — C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"Remember He is the artist and you are only the picture. You can't see it. So quietly submit to be painted—i.e., keep fulfilling all the obvious duties of your station (you really know quite well enough what they are!), asking forgiveness for each failure and then leaving it alone. You are in the right way. Walk—don't keep on looking at it." — C.S. Lewis, The Collected Letters

Tom and I sincerely thank you for your prayers, encouragement, financial support and friendship. Innovative Truth as a ministry exists because of your faithful partnership. The reach to new believers has expanded in 2023 with your help. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for us in 2024!

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Corinthians 9:10-11).

Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!