
Words of Truth

After Twenty-Four Years...

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I started writing weekly articles in 1999 while I was in Christiansburg, VA. I published them in the local work I was doing as well as online. The articles written from 2010 to present are still available online (<https://www.wordsoftruth.net/articles.html>) at the time I am writing this final article. This article is the last one for the foreseeable future. For those of you that read these articles you might ask, “why?”

Well, over the last ten years the readership of these weekly articles has constantly declined. That is true in the local work here in El Paso as well as online. In the article I wrote on May 28th, 2023 I had this note on the second page: “(NOTE: *Let me know if you are reading these articles. If only a few are reading, I will not be continuing them much longer).” I put that note online (https://www.wordsoftruth.net/WOT_05_28_2023.pdf), in the local printed version, and even on Facebook. I will only say this, the number of people that told me they read this article was a bit heartbreaking. I have known for years that some locally do not read the articles (<https://www.wordsoftruth.net/BulletinMay202012.pdf>). I had just hoped that people in other places were benefiting. Well, far fewer are reading these articles than I thought.

Time is valuable and ought to be seen in such a way (Ephesians 5:15-16). In recent months I have explored other ways to communicate the word of God to people. One of those ways has been to produce a Podcast (<https://www.wordsoftruth.net/podcasts.html>). That Podcast is available for free on many platforms. So far, there are many more people that listen to that Podcast than those that read these articles. As I was writing articles on I Thessalonians and thinking about the articles I wrote on Hebrews, I am saddened by how many will not read those articles to benefit from the things written therein. Had I taught through those books in a Podcast, many more may have benefitted. I say “may have” only because I notice on the Podcasts that certain subjects have more listeners than others. Sadly, people do not seem to realize the value of contextual verse by verse studies.

I know of a couple of brothers and sisters that will miss these articles. To you, I say that I appreciate that you benefited from the work. However, you are in a very small circle of people. I work many hours and have to, for various reasons, choose where my work is the most effective. Right now, that is in producing Podcasts. For those of you that enjoyed the studies in articles, thank you for reading. I hope you will jump in on the Podcast bandwagon and benefit from those studies. For now, Words of Truth Weekly is concluded. :(