

Amen!

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INTRODUCTION

Amen. It is a word that is often used by believers and non-believers alike. We tend to use it as a way of showing our agreement with the subject being discussed. Often it is transliterated in pulpits as “So be it”: in other words, “That’s the way it is, *period.*”

The definition for “amen” goes way beyond “so be it.” When I say “Amen” in the benediction, I want to weep, because it reveals the depth of God’s commitment to us throughout the Scriptures. And as we will see in this booklet, the authority commanded by this small word establishes the foundation for our faith as believers in Jesus Christ, the Son of God—the God of Amen.

Chapter One
AMEN: THE GOD WHO IS
ALL IN ALL

“He who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of *truth*; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of *truth*; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes” (Isaiah 65:16).

Here, the word used for “truth” is the same word that is translated “amen.” What an unusual rendering: We swear by the God of Amen.

In the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible, this word is used 182 times. Seventy-eight times it is translated as “amen.” In many passages it is translated as “verily,” which Jesus uses throughout the Gospels. Twenty-five times in the Gospel of John alone, Jesus began a sentence with “Verily, verily,” adding emphasis to the statement He was about to make.

The meaning of amen is so amazing, in the

Old Testament as well as the New Testament. It means, "The fulfillment of everything in life is in Me and by Me," says Jesus. That is one aspect of the actual meaning found in that little word "Amen." All fulfillment of every detail of life is in Christ and by Him. Think of it.

Furthermore, when the Lord says "Amen" or "Verily," He is saying, "I demand your faith in and obedience to My nature, My essence."

When Jesus began a sentence with "Amen, amen," (literally, "Verily, verily") He was saying, "Your life will depend upon hearing this." And as we mentioned, He said it twenty-five times in the Gospel of John.

For example, Jesus said "Verily, verily (Amen, amen; your life and your future will depend upon hearing this:) I say unto you, you must be born again." (see John 3:3).

"Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). What was He saying? "Amen, amen. Your life depends upon being born again, being saved by the blood of Christ."

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do" (in John 5:19). Jesus heard from the Father—

and what the Father did, the Son did also. Therefore, He could say, “This is very important. It is crucial that you have faith in My nature, that you know that all fulfillment is in Me and by Me. The Son couldn’t do a single thing in His humanity apart from God the Father, and neither can you except you abide in Me” (see John 15:4).

Clothed in Conviction

Furthermore, “Amen” means “clothed in absolute conviction” of the truth about Jesus Christ. “Verily, verily....” “Amen, amen. Have faith in My nature. Have faith in My essence. My words are clothed in conviction.”

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but [has already] passed from death unto life” (John 5:24). What preceded this promise by the Lord Jesus Christ? “Amen, amen.”

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death” (John 8:51). Here, the Lord is saying, “Believe absolutely in My Word; believe in My nature; believe that I am the fulfillment of everything that I say—it is in me and by me; believe that my words are

clothed in absolute conviction: Not a single Christian in the history of the world will ever, even for one moment, taste death.”

Amen, amen.

*We Are Commanded to Receive
Whom God Sends*

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me” (John 13:20).

God is saying: “Amen, Amen! My words are clothed with conviction, therefore have absolute faith in Me, in My nature, knowing that everything is fulfilled by Me and in Me. This is the truth. I cannot lie: If you receive whomever I send, you receive Me. But, if you do not completely receive whom I send to you, you do not receive me.

“And because every word that proceeds from My mouth is absolutely pure and true, I *demand* that you have faith in what I say, in who I am, and in what I have done. I don’t request it. I demand it.”

Do you see how powerful this little word is? It is a very serious matter.

The Amen Addresses the Church

“And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God” (Revelation 3:14).

“Church of Laodicea, you are lukewarm,” saith the Amen, the final and absolute truth in the earth, the God of the Amens who blessed Himself on the earth (see Isaiah 65:16).

He that blesses himself is the God of the Amen. He that swears by himself swears by Amen. He has forgotten the troubles of the former things, because He has made everything new.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall in the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit” (John 12:24).

He is saying, “Clothed with conviction, with absolute faith in My Word and in My nature, I demand that you obey this: Except you die with Christ at the Cross, you will never produce fruit as a Christian.” Amen, amen—double emphasis.

“For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us” (2 Corinthians 1:20).

That means that all of the promises of God are clothed with conviction, with absolute authority in His essence, and they are fulfilled *in* Him and *by* Him. God cannot lie. All of the promises in him are yea and Amen, to the glory of God." *Amen.*

Chapter Two

TAKING GOD AT HIS WORD

Two girls and their brother were attending a great Bible Baptist church, a godly church. The brother, who was seventeen, led his sisters as they prayed together for their mom and dad. After one year and three months, they said, "Amen, amen. God will answer our prayer!"

In Florida last year, the entire family went to a Billy Graham Crusade, and the mom and dad received Christ as their Savior. The three children decided to take God at His Word and made a dogmatic decision to trust His character. They rejoiced and said, "Amen!"

"My Son Who Was Lost Is Found. Amen!"

Recently, I heard the following true story. A very bright young man who was planning to become a teacher was drafted by the military. After a short time, he was sent into the war in Vietnam. After being wounded, he began to show

symptoms of schizophrenia. Because he couldn't think properly, the military discharged him and sent him home, but he could find no peace. Anxious and disoriented to reality, he boarded a bus and took off. No one knew where he went. His mother, his brother, his sister-in-law, and his nephew (who were all Christians) began to pray.

One year later, the brother said, "Mom, I'm taking my wife and son to Los Angeles. Would you like to go?"

It was almost Christmas, and that mom did something that normally she never would have done. Even though it was Christmas, she left her husband alone and went with them to California.

While they were there, the mom and her son took a bus ride. They ended up in a slum area and didn't know where they were. Then the driver said, "This is as far as it goes."

Here they were in a dangerous part of the city when, suddenly, they noticed a bearded man, homeless and hungry, sitting in a doorway, and the mother cried out, "It's my son!" She had prayed for more than a year.

He didn't recognize them, and he would not go home with them. But, she went back and managed to convince him that he was her son and that he had a home where people loved

him. Eventually he returned home, and now he is functioning quite well.

That mom prayed for thirteen months, and do you know what God said? “Amen, amen!”

The Great I Am Is Also the Amen

God’s Word is full of Amens—with so many amens and verily’s recorded in the Scriptures.

A fifty-nine-year-old woman, her face wrinkled and white, was in the fourth stage of cancer. She prayed, “God, I’m not ready to die. I don’t want to die now. And I don’t believe you are giving me grace to die now.”

She began a regimen of eating cancer-fighting foods, taking medicinal organic supplements, and drinking eight to ten glasses of water every day. In three months, her cancer was gone. Today, she is completely healed.

Do you know what she and her husband are saying all the time now? “Amen, Amen! We have faith in His nature. Everything is fulfilled in Him and by Him. Every promise is clothed with conviction of truth. All the promises are yea, and in Him, Amen!”

A couple separated, and the woman was living in adultery. She would come home in the morning and go out at night. Still, she continued

to listen to our radio broadcast every day.

People would say to her husband, "Why don't you divorce her? You know what she is."

He said, "God's promises are true. All of His promises are Yea and, in Him, Amen. Therefore, God is going to turn her around, and a miracle is going to happen. That is my conviction."

Before long, she went into an evangelistic revival meeting alone, and she was gloriously saved. That night, she went home and fell on her face to ask her husband's forgiveness. Do you know what he said? "Amen."

Trust His Nature

The most beautiful thing in the world is when you believe on Jesus Christ in your heart, and believe that He died, was buried, and rose again. When you believe that He shed His blood on your behalf, and you accept Him as your Savior, all the angels say, "Amen!"

The people in each of these testimonies believed in His nature. They said yea to His promises. Their sins were paid for on the Cross and will never be brought up again. The former troubles will never be remembered. The former things are gone forever, because the grace of God and the love of God has said, "Amen."

A young man was extremely ill. His family didn't go to church, but on his own, he read the Bible. Late one night, he read the words that we all love in Mark 11:22b-24:

“Have faith in God....Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall *believe* that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith....What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, *believe* that ye receive them, and *ye shall have them.*”

After he read that, he got up in the middle of the night and knocked on his mother and father's door. Sick as he could be, he said, “I'm going to be healed.”

They said, “Good, son.”

He said, “No, you don't understand. I am going to be healed.”

They said, “Good, son. Now go back to bed.”

He said, “You didn't hear what I said! God said it: I am going to be healed!” And he was miraculously healed within a short period of time.

Do you know what that young man said to God's promises (Mark 11:22, 23)? He said, “Amen! I believe that God's promises are

clothed with conviction. I believe in the nature of the Person of Christ. I believe my provision is in the essence of what He says in His Word. I believe He will fulfill all my need according to His integrity.”

And God said, “Amen.”

The Amen Commands Attention

A famous talk-show host who does not profess to be a believer was asked, “If you could choose anyone in all of history, who in the whole world would you prefer to interview?” He said, “If I could, it would be Jesus Christ.”

Many years ago, West German Chancellor Adenauer (the founder of the Christian Democratic Union in West Germany who had also been a prisoner under Hitler’s government) requested to speak with Billy Graham, the famous evangelist. He said, “Mr. Graham, what do you believe about the Resurrection?”

Billy Graham said, “I would not preach the Word of God if I could not believe all of it. I believe every single word about the death, and burial, and resurrection of my Savior.”

Adenauer replied, “I couldn’t even live if I didn’t believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and our future life that is based in the promises

of God.”

In adversity and prosperity, truly great men have trusted every detail of their lives to the God who is the Amen.

Chapter Three

THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY

The apostle Paul ended every one of his epistles with “Amen”—every one. Also, he interjected “Amen” several times, revealing the high value of what he was communicating to the hearers.

In Romans 15:33, “Now the God of peace be with you all. *Amen.*” We are commanded to let the peace of God control our lives.

In Romans 16:20*b*, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. *Amen.*”

In Romans 16:24, “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *Amen.*” We are commanded to live by His grace moment by moment.

In Romans 16:27, the Word of God says, “To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ,” the original says, “forever be with you all. *Amen.*”

Paul was saying, “Everything God says is

true. He cannot lie. His nature, His essence, is absolutely dogmatically true.”

Every single thing that comes from the mouth of Jesus Christ is Yea and Amen. For emphasis, Jesus often said it twice: “Verily, verily...” Amen, amen.

Blessings in the Benediction

When the pastor gives the benediction, some people can't wait to get out, and they don't even realize what they are doing. We need to hear the precise words as they come from the pulpit. When he says “Amen,” we can glorify God and say, “Hallelujah! His nature is true. His promises are true. His Word is true.”

In 1 Chronicles 16, David was praising God—the “great” God, in verse 25. Then, in verse 36, he said, “Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.”

They all answered “Amen.” Notice that after they said “Amen,” everyone shouted in praise. In Nehemiah 8:6, the Bible says that as the Word of God was preached, “all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.”

In other words, the people of Israel were saying, “We have been bought back, redeemed. We have been delivered. We can trust the nature of God. In Him and by Him is fulfillment. We can trust His character. He is clothed with truth. He is clothed with conviction. It is impossible for Him to lie” (Hebrews 6:18).

His Words Are Pure

Every Word of God is pure. God wants to heal people. God wants to save, to deliver, to restore. He wants to give victory over adultery. Amen! He will give victory over homosexuality. Amen! Victory over drinking: Amen! Victory over drugs: Amen! Victory over lying: Amen! Victory over betrayal: Amen!

God wants to give His people power to be faithful to church services. God wants us to be consistent. When the pastor says something in love that convicts, God wants us to say, “Amen!”—not because of him but because of God.

The last word that Jesus Christ ever spoke on earth to His disciples was “Amen”:

“All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy [Spirit]: Teaching them

to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I go with you always, even unto the end of the world. *Amen.*" (Matthew 28:20).

CONCLUSION

God desires that in every area of our lives, our confession would be “Amen.” Get to every church service you possibly can. Make Christ your priority. Be available to rejoice with the congregation as we see a revival of souls being saved, a revival of healings, a revival of the Word of God as all the people of God respond with, “Amen!”

“Unto him be glory in the church by Jesus Christ throughout all the ages, world without end. Amen” (Ephesians 3:21).