

## Monthly Memory Verse May 2011

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## Publisher & Author Message

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### Message from the publisher and author

#### *Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes*

Dale's Notes are provided to be used as an encouragement to study the context from where the monthly memory verse was selected. It's my desire to provide some background information and practical understanding of some things, which I see within my own study of God's word. It's my hope through reading the notes; you will desire to study God's word in more detail.

Dale's Notes are only a layman's attempt to share the good news of our savior Jesus Christ through a monthly memory verse and the study of God's word in our daily walk with the Lord.

Brother in Jesus Christ,  
Dale ☺  
Dale A. Kaye

#### *Message:*

I would like to give praise to the Lord Jesus Christ for our new layout.

#### *Prayer request:*

Shared Interests and Personal

Continue to pray with me in asking God for help to provide a consistent format for the Men's Monthly Memory Verse and Dale's Notes. I continue to ask your prayers and encouragement to serve in this way. Please, remember my family as we make changes in our lives to honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you,  
*Dale*

# Quick Bio-glance

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Heinrich Bullinger  
1504 - 1575

Heinrich Bullinger (18 July 1504 – 17 September 1575) was a Swiss reformer, the successor of Huldrych Zwingli as head of the Zurich church and pastor at Grossmünster. A much less controversial figure than John Calvin or Martin Luther, his importance has long been underestimated; recent research shows that he was one of the most influential theologians of the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century.

The son of Heinrich Bullinger, dean of the capitular church, by Anna Wiederkehr, he was born at Bremgarten, Aargau. The bishop of Constance, who had clerical oversight over Aargau, had unofficially sanctioned clerical concubinage, having waived all penalties against the offense in exchange for an annual fee. As such, Heinrich and Anna were able to live as virtual husband and wife, and young Heinrich was the fifth son born to the couple.

At 12 years of age, Bullinger was sent to the distant but celebrated gymnasium of Emmerich in the Duchy of Cleves.

In 1519, at the age of 15, his parents, intending him to follow his father into the clergy, sent him to the University of Cologne, just as the Luther affair was on everyone's tongue. Bullinger felt that he needed to decide the issues for himself, and began a systematic program of reading that started with Peter Lombard's Sentences, then compared the Sentences with the church fathers that Lombard cited and with the Bible. In 1520, he moved on to a consideration of Luther's treatises and concluded that Luther was more faithful to the church fathers and the Bible than Lombard. In late 1521, he read Melanchthon's Commonplaces and was similarly impressed. Now a convinced "Martinian" (follower of Martin Luther), Bullinger renounced his previous intention of entering the Carthusian order.

In 1522, Bullinger returned home, accepting a post as head of the cloister school at Kappel, though only after negotiating special conditions that meant he didn't need to take monastic vows or attend mass. At the school, Bullinger initiated a systematic program of Bible reading and exegesis for the monks there. He heard Zwingli and Jud preach several times during this period. During this period, under the influence of the Waldensians, Bullinger moved to a more symbolic understanding of the Eucharist. He contacted Zwingli with his thoughts in September 1524. In 1527, he spent 5 months in Zurich studying ancient languages and regularly attending the Prophezei that Zwingli had set up there. While there, he impressed the Zurich authorities and they sent him with their delegation to the Bern Disputation - there he met Bucer, Blaurer, and Haller for the first time. In 1528, at the urging of the Zurich Synod, he left the Kappel cloister to become a regular parish minister.

In 1529 Bullinger's father announced that he had been preaching false doctrines for years and now renounced them in favour of Protestant doctrines. As a result, his congregation decided to remove him as their priest. Several candidates were invited to preach sermons as potential replacements, including the young Bullinger. His sermon was so powerful that it led to an immediate burst of iconoclasm in the church, and the congregation spontaneously stripped the images from their church and burned them.

In the same year, he married Anna Adlischweiler, a former nun. His marriage was happy and regarded as a shining example. His house was continually filled with fugitives, colleagues and people searching for advice or help. Bullinger was a caring father of his eleven children who liked to play with them and

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wrote verses to them for Christmas. All his sons became pastors themselves.

After the defeat at Battle of Kappel (11 October 1531), where Zwingli fell, the Aargau region (including Bremgarten) had to return to the Catholic faith. Bullinger and two other pastors had to leave the town, though the people did not like to see them go. Having gained a reputation as a leading Protestant preacher, Bullinger quickly received offers to take up the position of pastor from Zurich, Basel, Bern, and Appenzell. During his negotiations with the civic leaders of Zurich, Bullinger refused to accept their terms - they had offered him the position with the condition that he shouldn't criticize government policy (they still blamed Zwingli for the disastrous defeat at Kappel). Bullinger insisted on his right to expound the Bible, even if it contradicted the position of the civic authorities. In a compromise, they agreed that Bullinger had the right to criticize the government privately in writing. Bullinger took up the post of minister of Zurich; he soon gained oversight over the other Zurich ministers, a position which would later be known as the Zurich Antistes.

Bullinger arrived with his wife and two little children in Zurich, where he already on the Sunday after his arrival stood in Zwingli's pulpit in the Grossmünster and, according to a contemporary description, "thundered a sermon from the pulpit that many thought Zwingli was not dead but resurrected like the phoenix". In December of the same year, he was, at the age of 27, elected to be the successor of Zwingli as antistes of the Zurich church. He accepted the election only after the council had assured him explicitly that he was in his preaching "free, unbound and without restriction" even if it necessitated critique of the government. He kept his office up to his death in 1575.

Bullinger quickly established himself as a staunch defender of the ecclesiological system developed by Zwingli. In 1532, when Jud proposed making ecclesiastical discipline entirely separate from the secular power, Bullinger argues that the need for a separate set of church courts ended when the magistrate became Christian, and that in a place with a Christian magistrate, the institutions of the Old Testament were appropriate. However, Bullinger did not believe the church should be entirely subservient to the state. Also in 1532, he was instrumental in creating a joint committee of magistrates and ministers to oversee the church.

A strong writer and thinker, his spirit was essentially unifying and sympathetic, in an age when these qualities won little sympathy.

Bullinger's hospitality and charity was exemplary and Zurich accepted many Protestant fugitives from northern Italy (Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi was a descendant of such fugitives) and after the death of Henry VIII also from England. When these returned to England after the death of Mary I of England, they took Bullinger's writings with them who found a broad distribution. From 1550 to 1560, there were in England 77 editions of Bullinger's Latin "Decades" and 137 editions of their vernacular translation "House Book", a treatise in pastoral theology (in comparison, Calvin's *Institutes* had two editions in England during the same time). Some historians count Bullinger together with Bucer as the most influential theologian of the Anglican reformation.

Though Bullinger did not leave Switzerland after becoming antistes of Zurich, he conducted an extended correspondence all over Europe and was so well informed that he edited a kind of newspaper about political developments.

His controversies on the Lord's Supper with Luther, and his correspondence with Lelio Sozzini, exhibit, in different connections, his admirable mixture of dignity and tenderness. With Calvin he concluded (1549) the *Consensus Tigurinus* on the Lord's Supper. He worked closely with Thomas Erastus to promote the Reformed orientation of the Reformation of the Electoral Palatinate in the 1560s.

Bullinger played a crucial role in the drafting of the Second Helvetic Confession of 1566. What eventually became the Second Helvetic Confession originated in a personal statement of his faith which Bullinger intended to be presented to the Zurich Rat upon his death. In 1566, when the Frederick III, the Pious, elector palatine introduced Reformed elements into the church in his region, Bullinger felt that this statement might be useful for the elector, so he had it circulated among the Protestant cities of Switzerland who signed to indicate their assent. Later, the Reformed churches of France, Scotland,

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and Hungary would do likewise.

He died at Zürich and was followed as antistes by Zwingli's son-in-law Rudolf Gwalther. His circle of collaborators in the Zurich church and academy included Gwalther, Konrad Pellikan, Theodor Bibliander, Peter Martyr Vermigli, Johannes Wolf, Josias Simler, and Ludwig Lavater.

Among his descendants was the noted Biblical scholar E.W. Bullinger

### *Theology Term*

#### **Straw Man**

The 'Straw Man Argument' is one which is untenable because of certain dishonest or erroneous assumptions embedded within them. When an irrelevant thesis is inaccurately claimed to be someone's position, it is said to be a 'Straw Man' argument, meaning, it will not stand. When done deliberately, this fallacy of presumption is both unethical and unchristian.

<http://www.mountainretreatorg.net/faq/glossary.html#strawman>

## Notes on the Bible:

By Albert Barnes  
Gal 5:22

**“But the fruit of the Spirit** - That which the Holy Spirit produces. It is not without design, evidently, that the apostle uses the word “Spirit” here, as denoting that these things do not flow from our own nature. The vices above enumerated are the proper “works” or result of the operations of the human heart; the virtues which he enumerates are produced by a foreign influence - the agency of the Holy Spirit. Hence, Paul does not trace them to our own hearts, even when renewed. He says that they are to be regarded as the proper result of the Spirit’s operations on the soul.”

## Exposition of the Entire Bible:

By John Gill

Gal 5:22 - **“But the fruit of the Spirit,....**

Not of nature or man’s free will, as corrupted by sin, for no good fruit springs from thence; but either of the internal principle of grace, called the Spirit, [Gal 5:17](#) or rather of the Holy Spirit, as the Ethiopic version reads it; the graces of which are called “fruit”, and not “works”, as the actions of the flesh are; because they are owing to divine influence efficacy.”

# Dale’s Notes

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## MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

### PART III

**Read: Gal 5:1-26: (LITV)**

**Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control. Against such things there is not a law.**

### *The absence of LOVE!*

“But the fruit of the Spirit is: love!” The end result of all things is what God truly is, Love! Let me say another way, the goal is love! *“The goal of this instruction is love that flows from a pure heart, from a clear conscience, and from a sincere faith. 1Ti 1:5 ISV”* The goal is men and woman walking before God and others in love! Love is not just the knowledge of the Most High! It’s not only you and me purposing, making use of, and applying ourselves through human ability to know something of God! It’s not only your intellectual properties of your mind to study the truths of God and say we have performed His will, Amen! No and again no! What kind of love is that! But what does the word of God say with regards to love in the Spirit of God and man’s need to be found standing in it! *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. Deu 6:4-5”*

Hear O Christian the word of the Lord from the apostle!

*“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 1Co 13:1-2”*

### *Noisy Preacher*

Who wants to be a noisy preacher or clanging babbler all because love is not in action to the truth labor over? O’ you have your many tongues or languages of message transcribed! You do well in understanding all mysteries and all knowledge of God and you excise your works of faith to the moving of your mountains but to have no love, God’s word tell us that person is nothing!

“...Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.”  
( Rev 2:2-5)

Well, so much for our highly educated minds if we should produce only the education of the Pharisees (*For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Mat 5:20 ESV!*) To love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, now that is something to consider, for surely we have failed miserably! There is no need for the Lord to write it: if in-fact we all are perfect, walking upright in love! *“Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners...1Ti 1:9-10”* It’s because all men everywhere have failed to love the Lord their God in all things! From their hearts, with their souls and with all their might as created beings in the image of Him! There’s not a part of life in this world which man has touched that doesn’t show their deliberate abhorrence towards God. All have sinned! None righteous, no not one!

“As it is written, *There is none righteous, no, not one... Rom 3:10-13;*” Look at the double negatives: it’s emphatic! To let you know not a single person or human being is right with God of themselves!

Read again: “*The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Psa 14:2-3*” Now that should bring to remembrance Noah’s time of God’s righteous judgment on sinners and it should shine the light on God’s wonderful grace towards all human life, which is in rebellion with him today!

### **Human Weakness**

Men and women left to their selves will fail before God’s holy standards, that is, to walk in love! Don’t go running ahead of me and start screaming grace, grace and grace! Yes there is grace but there is something here to be looked at and faced by each one of us with admittance towards God we are nothing without him! Do you see apart from God’s love we are nothing!

Hear “The words of the Preacher...!”

“Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.”

The words in psalms 14:2-3, reduces man to their rightful state as offenders and haters of God, sinners! What else could explain our deliberate sinning against him? I’m going to say it and those of us who have received the Spirit of Grace unto salvation, where is your love for God now? Is it self-evident by His Spirit that lives in you? Do you show Christ alive or is he dead to you? Do you see when we understand the truth about ourselves (*our human nature, the flesh*) in light of God’s word we find ourselves not only haters of God but of others too! (*Look at the list in Gal 5:18-21 or Rom 8:6-9*)

It’s a hard medication to swallow for it clogs the throat, because it’s our natural instinct to find something **we** have done right to excuse all our deliberate acts of sinfulness, “...none righteous, no, not one!”

If anyone goes to heaven it will **not be** that men can wake up from death’s sleep of their selves and produce the Love of God needed to please Jesus! Now, you can say it! Yes, it’s all by grace, the undeserved love of God that you have been saved! Redeemed! Delivered from death! Why? It’s God’s Grace! It’s God’s love through Jesus Christ that while you were yet sinners Christ died for you, paving the way into the kingdom of heaven and his beloved forever (“*but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*” Rom 5:8)! Wow! Now that sounds so good! He is wonderful, amazing in every way! What love, what goodness, and what great care! What a God he is!

### **But the fruit of the Spirit is: LOVE!**

I don’t want you to go away thinking you are a hater of God and a hater of your brother if in fact you have truly come to Jesus Christ. But the opposite is true if in fact you are now come to Jesus Christ! Read:

“*Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1Jn 4:7-8 KJV*”

The Love of God which our Lord is seeking isn't found by men's effort but it's found in one Man the Lord Jesus Christ! It's he that establishes all things right with God and grants the sinner forgiveness and mercy in light of their hostile transgressions against him! It's the mercy and grace of God to shine the light of the gospel into the hearts of men and women to seek the Lord when there was none that would seek him! It's the mercy and grace of God that shines the light of the gospel into the hearts of men and women to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord when there was none that did good! It's the mercy and the grace of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ to make us righteous before God in faith when all were filthy, all stained by sin and all turned away from him who is Love! He has given understanding when no understanding was present, He has given love when no love was present, He has given truth when no truth was present, and He has given life now when no life was present all because of the wonderful Love of God that has come to live in his children! Be careful of unfruitful knowledge that doesn't produce the fruit of the Spirit which is a walk in love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control all harvest by God Holy Spirit living through you!

*Joh 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

#### **Prayer**

Our Father in Heaven thank you again for your indwelling Spirit of Truth and Love; forgive my sinful ways and keep me in a right walk with you in faith. Open my heart and mind to understand and seek you in all things pertaining to life. Grant me grace to show Jesus to others through love in your gospel. Break the hearts of those who would oppose that which is right so they may come to Jesus while there is time. Break the hearts of your children to love you with all their hearts, and all their souls and truly with all their might that Jesus Christ be glorified in all things. Amen.