

Punctuational Christ-Centered Living

How to unlock Christ-centered living
through punctuation: **Workbook Included**



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The idea for this book happened because of my wife and I conversing about:

Ephesians 4:5 (KJV) - One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

To uncover all the fruit within it.

I explained how one baptism and one Lord both related to the health message we support and then mentioned that the period at the end of the verse also had significance. When I made that statement, I had not been looking directly at the verse.

My wife informed me that there was no period in the verse but commas.

I started to ponder the difference between the two punctuation marks and then it hit me.

Just like punctuation marks signify different aspects within a verse the same marks can symbolically propel our lives forward within our walk with Christ. The profound thoughts that were generated became quite amazing to the point that I decided it would be a very good idea for this book to be written.

With that thought in mind I went to Google to get a list of normal punctuational marks which follow.

1. Full Stop/Period (.)
2. Comma (,)
3. Question Mark (?)
4. Exclamation Mark (!)
5. Colon (:)
6. Semicolon (;)
7. Apostrophe (')
8. Hyphen (-) / Dash (–)
9. Quotation Marks ("...")
10. Parentheses / Brackets ([...])
11. Ellipsis (...)

It is my hope that the reader gains great value from the content that follows which will help them to move forward in victorious living within their own Christ centered walk.

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Chapter 1 of 14

Full Stop/Period (.)

A period happens when you come to the end of a sentence.

A period is a small dot-shaped punctuation mark that is used at the end of any sentence that is intended to make a statement. - <https://www.gingersoftware.com>

In life it would be an event which brings a permanent closure to a given hope, dream or focus that once propelled you forward at some level or capacity. While most divorces might fall more squarely into a comma concept which we will discuss later deaths are very much more like periods.

Deaths don't always involve loved ones but sometimes they can be related to dreams that will clearly not come true or even the following personal experience of mine.

Personal Period Point

I was driving for UBER. However, to get to work it required a commitment of traveling 1.5 hours one way because of where my wife and I were living. It was our only steady source of income at the time, so I felt like I had no choice.

Because of how long it would require me to be away my wife asked me to stop driving for UBER but I refused. I was so tired coming home one night that I drove right by a deer at 40 MPH. I didn't even see it till I had passed. Nevertheless, I was off to work the next day.

As I was nearing the end of my shift, I made a simple prayer.

Lord, if you want me to stop driving for UBER, please give me a sign but make it a gentle one. Almost immediately I received a call which I accepted. It was later in the day and as I approached me destination, I found it to be a vacant parking lot with two big burly men standing in it.

To navigate my way into the parking lot I needed to drive between two orange cones due to the construction that was taking place. As I did, I sent up a second prayer to remind God that I did say gentle. God needs our help like that, right?

The two men got into my car, and all seemed to be starting out okay and then it happens.

Thud.

I assessed my passengers, and both were okay.

I assessed myself and I was okay.

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So, what was the sudden thud that had stopped me in my tracks like a period at the end of a sentence?

Remember those cones I needed to navigate through to get into the parking lot?

Well, I had forgotten about them on the way out thus causing both tires at once to drive off the side of the driveway which had the construction going on. No one had been injured. The car itself seemed to be in good condition though it wasn't moving anywhere without help.

The rest of this story can be read on the following link: <https://qr.ae/pGqF1L>

The point I'm making here is about the period which ended my ability to provide UBER transportation not only for these two men but also any further as this would be my last UBER drive.

When God makes a sign so abundantly clear as He did that night there isn't much anyone can do apart from following His lead which I'm glad that I did but that is another story.

What periods have you realized in your own life pursuits be they within your career, relationally or in some other fashion? How have these moments in your own life caused you to become who you are today?

With those thoughts in mind, we will now turn to the Word of God to review period points within the Word and their corresponding impact both on the individuals involved and perhaps even into our day to day lives today.

Biblical Period Points

Case Study #1 - Adam

Let's start at the beginning with Adam and Eve.

They were given a commission.

Genesis 2:17 (KJV) - But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **thou shalt not eat of it:** for in the day that thou eatest thereof **thou shalt surely die.**

Then they were given a challenge.

Genesis 3:4-5 (KJV) -

4 And the serpent said unto the woman, **Ye shall not surely die:**

5 For **God doth know** that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods**, knowing good and evil.

They were also given freewill to make choices. As much as I get in trouble with my own freewill, I'm super pleased that we were not created as robots or puppets, aren't you?

What did Adam and Eve do with their own freewill?

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Genesis 3:6 (KJV) - And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, **she took of the fruit** thereof, and **did eat**, and **gave** also unto **her husband** with her; and **he did eat**.

They messed up and then were given the consequences of having messed up.

The ultimate consequence involved:

Genesis 2:8 (KJV) - And **the Lord God planted a garden** eastward in Eden; and there **he put the man** whom he had formed.

Which became this in the eyes of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 3:23-24 (KJV) -

23 Therefore **the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden**, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So **he drove out the man**; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Wherein mankind would have no access to the Garden of Eden, period.

Why?

Because of God's angry wrath at humanities disobedience?

Hardly.

Genesis 3:22 (KJV) - And the Lord God said, Behold, **the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil**: and now, **lest** he put forth his hand, and take also of the **tree of life**, and eat, and **live for ever**:

Exactly the opposite.

Because of the unconditional agape love of the Father.

Because of the unconditional agape love of the Son.

God barred humanity from having access to the tree of life.

Why?

Let's revisit verse 22 to uncover that answer.

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Humanity had opted to enter the sin of transgression by following Satan rather than our Father God.

The Father and Son could simply label us as scrap metal and move to the next creation, but they didn't.

Why?

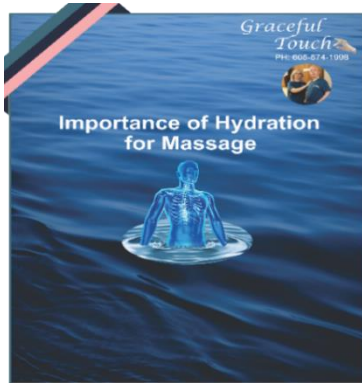
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Unconditional agape love as it is unfolded from within the Word of God. There is so much that can be said about unconditional agape love but the important point in this story is the period wherein the end of access to the garden became painfully obvious for both Adam and Eve not to mention the entirety of humanity.

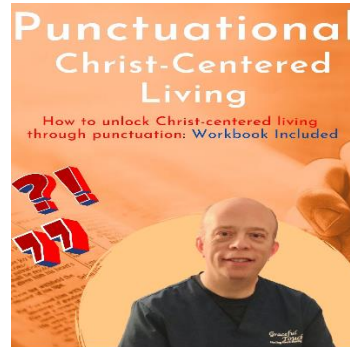
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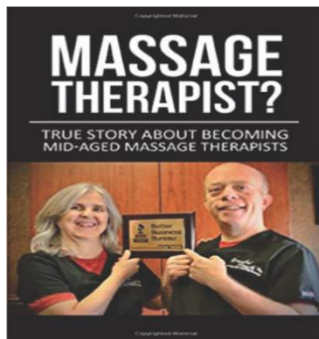


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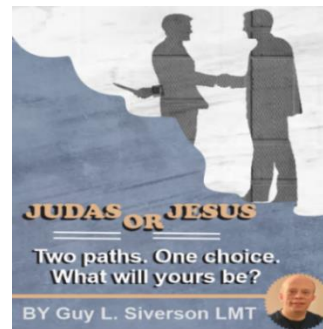


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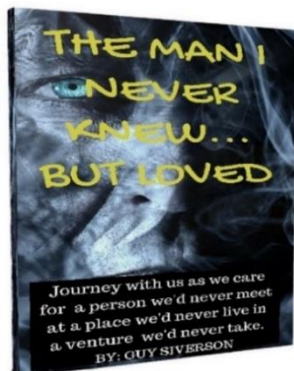
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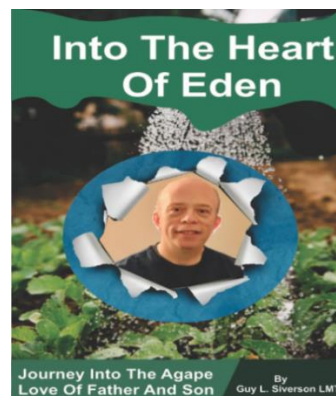
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