



# Ministry Update

2019



*"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him."*

**Ephesians 1:16–17**

A heartfelt *thank you* for your faithful partnership in the Gospel through Truth For Life. Like the apostle Paul, we do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in our prayers always.

We're pleased to share with you all that your support makes possible and to update you on some progress over the past year.

Also, we're thrilled to pass on the gratitude of so many who are thankful for you for making the teaching of God's Word available for free or at cost. Hundreds of letters and emails arrive each month conveying deepest thanks. We hope you find much encouragement in the very small sampling included in these pages—they represent a vast company of people from around the world who hear God's Word through Truth For Life because of *your* giving and prayer. The thanks they express is for *you*!

# Upgraded Mobile App

In October of last year, a newly updated version of the Truth For Life mobile app made listening through your mobile device easier. It's still **free** to download and access because of your generous support.



"The mobile app is my daily 'charging station' on my work commute, helping prepare me for the demands of the day and reminding me that I am part of God's plan for His creation."

**Steve, Edmond, Oklahoma**

"I started listening on March 18, 2018. The first sermon I heard was 'The Seed and the Soils,' and that was the beginning. I love listening so much that I can't keep Jesus off of my lips. I've encouraged both of my parents to subscribe to the mobile app. I don't know how to express my gratitude."

**Justin, Austin, Texas**

If you have yet to download the upgraded mobile app to your smartphone or tablet, just search **"Truth For Life"** in your app store. You can hear the daily program, access Alistair's entire archive in audio or video format, and receive the daily devotional through the mobile app. You can also save your favorite messages to a Favorites folder.





# Transcripts

We've received many requests over the years for transcripts of Alistair's teaching. You'll now find a full-message transcript of the daily program by clicking **Read Transcript** under the program image on the website at [truthforlife.org](http://truthforlife.org).



"I love the transcripts! I'm a caregiver who must listen attentively for my client, so I can't listen to TFL on the job. However, I can read the message each day. Thank you."

**Carmen, Santa Clara, California**

"I've been sharing many sermons on Facebook, accompanied with portions of the messages that I've transcribed from listening. After many years, I recently noticed that there's a button on many messages where I can view the written transcript, which is a real time-saver. Thanks for the many ways you provide the messages."

**James, Harrisburg, Oregon**

"I was so happy to see a transcript of a recent message. It was about how God does not lower His expectations, He equips us to meet them. I've shared this with others."

**Grayson, Hampden, Maine**

# Free Online Teaching

In 2018 there were **39.5 million** downloads of Alistair's sermons by people located in every corner of the globe! This number would never be this high if Truth For Life had to charge for downloads. Thank you for your giving—your generous partnership brings unlimited access to God's Word to countless listeners without the barrier of cost! We receive many, many letters of thanks.



"It's wonderful to know that the Christian community is united in the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. The teaching situation is pretty hard in Switzerland, where everyone's truth is true. I am very grateful that there are teachers who dare to teach and preach what is true."

**Erika, Switzerland**

"I'm working overseas in an Asian country to help translate the Scripture into a language that does not have any scriptural instruction. I listen to Truth For Life as I get ready for work and am overwhelmed by the quality and availability of teaching you offer. Each time I listen, I am encouraged in my own walk with the Lord and have been able to use what I learn to encourage others. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Serving with you."

**Kathleen, Asia**

"My wife, daughter, and I are workers for Christ in China. Not too long after arriving, I started listening to your podcast and was greatly blessed. Later, I was excited when I found ALL of your messages on your website, available for free. I've been using your sermons as a daily devotional and have spent the past two months going through the series in James, and now am in Titus. I cannot tell you how much God has used your messages in my life. It has changed the way I personally study the Word of God and has challenged me daily to live for God—not by my own strength, as I often try to do, but by His grace and ability. God has used you greatly and has extended your reach across the world. Thank you!"

**Edward, China**

# Resources At Cost

We wish we could give you a sense of the substantial volume of mail that comes in from listeners thanking you for offsetting the cost of our resources by way of your giving. Many on fixed incomes, and even some in prison, are able to request books and audio series that they would not otherwise be able to afford. On their behalf, ***deepest thanks.***



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“I stumbled upon TFL one day and now listen online every morning. My wife and I minister to inner city kids and are excited to share *God's Big Picture* with them. We're grateful to be able to order them at cost.”

**Greg, Ruther Glen, Virginia**

“I enjoy listening to your radio program from a Texas prison. I learn a lot and have been blessed by the books sent to me in the past. No other ministry that I am aware of does this for inmates.”

**Joe, New Boston, Texas**

“Soon we'll be starting Alistair's series in Daniel, *And He Shall Reign*, in our seniors Bible study. We'll be watching the DVD as a large group of about 100 seniors, then breaking out into smaller groups for discussion. Thank you for making the DVDs affordable.”

**Stu, Pastor of Seniors Ministry, Oakville, Ontario, Canada**

“Thank you for making it so easy for people from elsewhere in the world to order such wonderful, affordable resources, which cannot be easily found here in South Africa. I appreciate it greatly and have been incredibly blessed by the teachings.”

**Birke, White River, Mpumalanga, South Africa**



# Apple TV

With more and more people subscribing to streaming TV, this service is another option for accessing Alistair's teaching. In March of this year, Truth For Life was added to Apple TV. If you have Apple TV, simply search for ***"Truth For Life"*** in your TV's App Store.

You can listen to the daily program, watch the worship service live stream from Parkside on Sunday mornings, and view or listen to a large selection of studies from Alistair. The Apple TV app from Truth For Life is entirely free thanks to your faithful support.



# Sunday Morning Live Stream

Funded by your partnership, Truth For Life began streaming Sunday morning worship service live from Parkside Church late last year. Since then, thousands of viewers from around the world have watched. On their behalf, ***thank you!***



“We’ve been able to stream Pastor Begg’s sermons on Sundays, and he is becoming instrumental in our young marriage—especially for my newly saved husband.”

**Ruth, Orlando, Florida**

“I’m a retired minister, and because of health problems, we aren’t often able to attend church, so my wife and I listen to the daily program at night and watch the Sunday services on the live stream. We appreciate all your partners who make the program possible, and this is why we became partners ourselves.”

**Gary, Round Rock, Texas**

“My husband is 94. I stay home with him Sunday mornings now. We greatly appreciate the Parkside live stream, which allows us to feel like we’ve gone to church.”

**Betty, Santa Fe, Texas**





# Basics Live Stream

Each year, the live stream viewing audience for the Basics Conference for pastors and church leaders held at Parkside Church grows in size. Hosted by Alistair, this conference is designed to encourage pastors to boldly preach the Word of God as God has given it to us in Scripture. Your giving covers the cost of the technology that makes the live stream possible. ***Thank you!***



“Thank you for the wonderful teaching during the Basics Conference. We drank deeply from God’s Word while watching it through the live stream broadcast.”

**Charlotte and Robert, Shingleton, Michigan**

“Talks by Alistair Begg and the guest speakers were such a blessing to my wife and me that we will be sharing that blessing with our church.”

**Chris, Maffra, Australia**

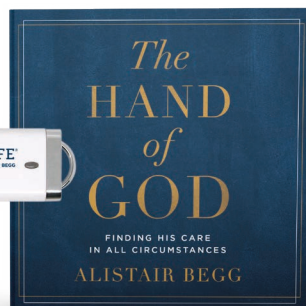
“Recently, I have been going through a difficult time and, by God’s providence, your Basics Conference was exactly what I needed. I was reminded that God is in control and always good, even when we go through trials. I just wanted you to know that God has used your ministry in my life to strengthen my faith. Thank you, and continue to proclaim the Gospel!”

**Thomas, Ogden, Utah**

# USB Drives

With most cars now equipped with a USB port, we're making more and more of Alistair's series available on USB drives. As an alternative to a sizeable set of CDs, many full-length studies are now available from Truth For Life on a single USB **for just \$5**—the cost to produce the drive.

In fact, Alistair's recent study of Ephesians, *Grace and Peace*, contains 83 sermons. That's just .06 cents each! Your giving makes these USB drives affordable for everyone and provides a cost-effective way for many to share the Gospel with others. Be encouraged to know that at the end of last year, nearly 6,000 USB drives of *The Hand of God*, a study on the life of Joseph, were ordered for listeners to give to friends at Christmas! What a great way to share the Gospel!



"I purchased *The Hand of God* series on USB. I find this resource to be life-changing, and I'm sure, if it's possible, I will probably be wearing out the thumb drive that I bought! So, thank you to all of you for everything you're doing to change people's lives."

**William, Salem, Oregon**

"My new car plays only USBs. I'm looking forward to stocking up on USB messages."

**Judith, Spring, Texas**



# Radio Network

Our radio distribution network continues to expand and reach an ever-growing audience with free access to clear, relevant Bible teaching. Truth For Life now broadcasts on more than 1,800 radio stations across the US, and also in New Zealand, Australia, the UK, and Belize. God uses the providential timing of radio to reach into the hearts of many who “stumble” onto the program while in their cars. The largest expense to Truth For Life is the radio budget.

So, on behalf of listeners around the world and within your own community, ***thank you!***



“You have been our ‘morning church’ for many years now, and we are so thankful for how you continue to serve our Lord and us so faithfully.”

**J. Daniel and Josie, Pueblo, Colorado**

“As inmates, we really appreciate hearing Truth For Life on the radio. I know the program is listener supported, and we benefit from this on such an amazing level. There is not biblical teaching in our prison, so every bit counts.”

**Samuel, Fort Worth, Texas**

“Thank you for your honest teaching of the Scriptures. I am learning, growing, and being made new. Joy to the Lord!”

**Ruthann, Faribault, Minnesota**



# YouTube

The Truth For Life YouTube channel has 45,000 subscribers, and the audience is growing daily. When you search ***“Truth For Life”*** in YouTube, you can view the latest Sunday sermon from Parkside Church, listen to the daily program, and watch past sermons, recent interviews, and conference presentations by Alistair.

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“We listen to the daily broadcast and watch sermons on YouTube.  
We’re very appreciative of your dedication to truth.”

**Bob and Joanna, Newton, Kansas**

“I was a dedicated Mormon for 30 years, was a leader and a teacher in it. I began listening to Alistair each morning and sermon by sermon, day by day, his words opened my heart and life to the true Christ. I have since officially resigned from Mormonism and am happier than I have ever been. God bless you, and thank you for being an instrument in God’s hands! I listen on YouTube!”

**Joshua, Location Unknown**



# **“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”**

**2 Timothy 1:13**



“I want to thank you all for your ministry.  
I can’t even describe the difference it’s made in my life.”

**Donna, Saint James, New York**

“Thank you very much for your faithfulness in sending me the daily devotional.  
Today’s devotional was so encouraging!”

**Maria, Victoria, British Columbia**

“I cannot begin to tell you of the joy I receive through the preaching and  
teaching from this ministry. I thank our God for you. Your ministry is changing  
my life daily. Thank you so very much.”

**Mo, Vale, Oregon**

“I’m so grateful I have found your ministry. I’ve been a Christian as long as I can remember,  
and never in my adult years can I say I have heard God’s Word delivered as intended as I  
have in this broadcast. I’m so thankful I stumbled on your ministry. Please stay the course.

A much-needed message in this time.”

**Susan, Location Unknown**

“Hearing the broadcast from TFL online as we do and reading the daily message are  
wonderful ways to grow our faith. We hope you are encouraged by the feedback from  
others, as well as us, and that you are enabled to continue to work for the Lord in this way.”

**Anthony, Orkney, UK**

“It is a pleasure to be able to refer people of all ages to TFL. Consistent biblical focus is  
hard to find, but TFL is the exception. Thank you!”

**Kathy, Muskegon, Michigan**

“Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! The ability to look on your website and find sermons  
to go with what I am studying in God’s Word has been so wonderful to me! Thank you  
for your clarity in the Scriptures!”

**Valerie, Ringgold, Georgia**

“TFL has been so amazing for us the last few years. Alistair has been a real mentor to  
me, and it’s really changed my life. God bless you all. I pray for you all.”

**Ellen, Newbury Park, California**

## Our Team



We genuinely hope that as you read these comments you were encouraged to know that this is what ***your giving makes possible!*** Again, this is a very small sampling of the hundreds of letters and emails that come in to Truth For Life every month!

We'll never know the full effects of what God calls us to do by supporting our local church or a ministry like Truth For Life. Perhaps one day, we'll see through the glass clearly!

On behalf of our ever-grateful team here in Cleveland, a very sincere ***thank you!***

**Truth For Life is the teaching ministry of Alistair Begg and is committed to teaching the Bible with clarity and relevance so that unbelievers will be converted, believers will be established, and local churches will be strengthened.**

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