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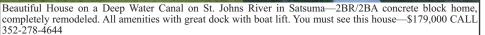
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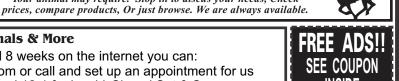
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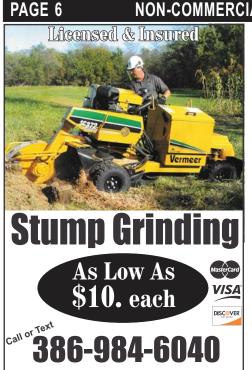
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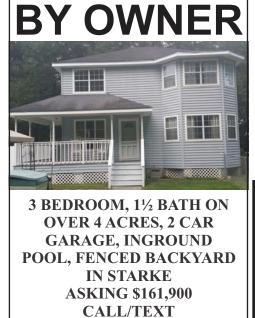
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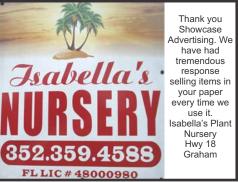






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way? If our thoughts are not His thoughts, how can we discern what is right and proper for us? Simple, He tells us in His Word. God's Word is true. God saw that we not only needed His Word, but we needed a translator, a perfect and sinless interpreter, of His Word. So he performed His greatest miracle ever and made His Word flesh. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) The name of His Word made flesh is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He was born of a woman and lived among us. We (mankind at that time) could touch Him and more importantly, He could touch us. We could talk to Him and ask Him questions and more importantly, He could teach us and answer our questions. Can you imagine? Here we are in today's world infatuated with the concept that we can ask our phone out loud where the nearest restaurant is and it will speak and tell us but most of us are not completely blown away by the fact that we can ask the Word of God about the will of God for us and know that the Word will give us a completely true answer. We seem to love our bellies more that the mind of God. That this is so means we are sick; we are foolish to the point of death; we are fallen. This is the reason that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to rescue us from our sickness; to give us the wisdom to overcome our foolishness. Simply put, Jesus came to save us from our fallen condition. In order to do this, He has to sacrifice Himself and this He did. Can you see how the Word is completely for us even to the death of God's only begotten Son? Now, quiet your mind, slow your breathing and ponder this. How perfect is God's love and how great is God's grace that it pleased Him to sacrifice His Son -- who is everything, for us - who are nothing. Truly, I can't understand this but I believe it with all my heart. God's Word is True! Jesus came to save us all. "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:17) God created us by His Word and Jesus is the Word that saves us but is that all? No, we have a duty to God to live pleasing to Him. "And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4) Not only does living by God's Word lead to our own salvation, but it enables us to help others to be saved. Jesus calls this being fruitful and He explains it to us in the parable of the sower located in Luke, Chapter 8 where someone sows seed in the ground. "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God." (Luke 8:11) Jesus then explains that not all of the seed will result in fruit because not everyone will keep the word. "But that are on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." (Like 8:15) Understand that we don't actually save anyone, only Jesus can do that. But we can help by introducing others to the Living Word – Jesus Christ. In fact, we are told to do this as a practical matter. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:13 – 17) If you live by God's Word, you will want to share this wonderful gift with others and God wants you to do so. It is good news for all that will hear and keep it. Not all who hear will

So, we are created by His Word; we are saved through the Word and we are to live in His Word. How can this lead to any other conclusion than that we should seek God's Word, study His Word and share His Word? If you don't want to believe me, fine. I am just a lowly man who doesn't even have the capacity to understand the deep things of God except the Holy Spirit takes me by the hand and leads me. Whatever I know of God comes from Him. Knowing this, I will let Jesus tell you "Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth."

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