



From the desk of  
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Dear Partner in ministry,

Words like these were once responsible for wars and martyrdoms.

“The Church is the rightful home of sacred Scripture.”

Those words were spoken in a February 11 address delivered by Robert Prevost, who on May 8 of last year became Pope Leo XIV. As reported by the Catholic *EWTN News* network, the first American pope said, “All the faithful are called to drink from this wellspring, first and foremost in the celebration of the Eucharist and the other sacraments.”<sup>1</sup>



While it’s important not to exaggerate the importance of these statements, it is equally important not to dismiss them. In a world with many Christian denominations and a number of major global religions, the leader of the world’s 1.4 billion Roman Catholics, and one of the most powerful people on the planet, openly stated that Rome is responsible for both safeguarding and interpreting Scripture.

As *EWTN News* reported, “Pope Leo XIV affirmed Wednesday that sacred Scripture has been entrusted to the Catholic Church—that she preserves and explains it, and supports its purpose of making Christ known to the world.”

Statements such as these call to mind the Protestant Reformation, which arose precisely because the ruling church believed itself to be “the rightful home of sacred Scripture.”

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ewtnnews.com/vatican/pope-leo-xiv-the-church-is-the-rightful-home-of-sacred-scripture>



Volunteers pose for a group photo during the mission trip to Honduras in 2025.

Pastor John Bradshaw presents in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



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I share this with malice toward none. The leaders of perhaps all churches make statements at times that are inaccurate or inconsistent with the teachings of the Bible. But given that we are heading towards a time when powerful entities will cause “all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads” (Revelation 13:16), **it is important to recognize that we are nearing the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. And the world needs to know.**

Several years after Martin Luther raised his voice in favor of the Word of God more than 500 years ago, an important council was held in the German city of Speyer. Numerous German princes bravely and boldly declared that the Bible stood above the authority of the church. It was that principled stand that gave rise to the term “protestant.” They protested against the idea that the church has the authority to interpret the Bible for others.

A challenge we face today is that the vast majority of Protestants are no longer protesting. Which is not to say Protestant believers must be belligerent or antagonistic. Protestants have been called by God to lift up the Bible as the Word of God and to appeal to the world to follow Christ according to His word, and not according to tradition.

We live in an age that is desperate for clarity. Our world is physically unwell, emotionally challenged, politically turbulent, morally bankrupt, and spiritually confused. A friend shared with me that his young adult child and her friend group look to the future without hope. With nations polarized and with social media functioning as the ultimate divide-and-conquer, what the world needs is clarity. Instead, what the world is getting is confusion.



Pastor Wes Peppers conducts evangelistic outreach in the Dominican Republic last year.

From left: Pastors Wes Peppers, Dr. G. Alexander Bryant, and John Bradshaw speak during the Hope for Humanity series in Baltimore in 2025.



And that is why It Is Written exists. When It Is Written was founded 70 years ago this month, our purpose was to clearly proclaim the everlasting gospel. Which is why, all year long, we have It Is Written evangelists sharing God's message of grace and restoration. It is why It Is Written TV broadcasts every minute of every day, and why we continue to create materials and provide training to lead men and women, boys and girls to faith in Jesus.

As we enter our 71st year, we are not spending any time looking back. Instead, we are looking forward. Forward to our major evangelistic meetings originating in Atlanta, Georgia, later this year and being broadcast to the world. Forward to the production of our television series on the book of Revelation. Forward to the expansion of SALT to another college campus. Forward to a major baptism this month on the shores of Lake Titicaca, largely as a result of the ministry of Escrito Está in South America. Forward to our first mission trip of the year, which takes place this month in the Philippines.

**Souls are being won, and lives are being changed, by the power of the Word of God.** Not by Scripture that I reserve the right to explain and interpret, but by Scripture which is living and powerful and works in the heart of all who read it and surrender to its Author.

Your prayerful support of It Is Written this month will propel us into our 71st year. Our evangelism calendar for this year is full. In the next couple of months alone, we will be conducting evangelistic meetings in Bermuda, Bolivia, Mexico, Paraguay, and Trinidad and Tobago. Before the year is over, we will see souls won through evangelism in Arizona, New York City, and Texas. And our meetings held in Atlanta and streamed to numerous locations will be seen around the world.

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We could not have made it to 70 years without your support and your prayers. Your gift this month will help to enable and empower our aggressive evangelism calendar for the rest of the year. We cannot slow down. We must lift our voices as did the reformers and declare that the Bible is the Word of God, that Jesus is coming back soon, and that all people are invited to dwell forever in a home in a better land.

I am grateful for your investment in It Is Written. **It is an investment that is yielding a return for Jesus.**

Days ago, I received an encouraging report. Several months after attending meetings I held, a woman is completing Bible studies, and her baptism is scheduled. It would be best if I did not tell you where this is taking place. But what I can tell you is that this is a miracle. A very talented and influential woman has met Jesus, and He has changed her life.

Thank you for making miracles happen. We will see many more this year through God blessing your kindness.

Sincerely,





Pastor John Bradshaw  
President, It Is Written

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P.S. Pope Leo XIV recently gave an address in which he stated that “the Church is the rightful home of sacred Scripture.” We know, as did the reformers, that God has not committed Scripture to any one church. This is further evidence that we are nearing the fulfillment of Bible prophecy and, thus, the end of time. Jesus is coming back soon. That’s the reason It Is Written has existed for 70 years. Every evangelism campaign, television program, training program, resource, and mission trip is conducted to share the gospel with others. Thank you for your support and for sharing Jesus with the world.



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