

# Amen – What It Really Means

**“Amēn” is transliterated from Hebrew into both Greek and English.**

Its meanings may be seen in such passages as **Deuteronomy 7:9** “... *He is God, the faithful* [*“amēn”*] *God ...*”

**Isaiah 65:16** [New King James] “*So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes.*”

In both cases the word **“truth”** is the Hebrew word **“amen.”**

**If God is faithful and the truth then all His testimonies and precepts are sure.**

**Psalms 19:7** [New King James] “*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;*”

The Hebrew word translated **“sure”** is **“aman.”**

**Psalms 111:7** [New King James] “*The works of His hands are verity and justice; all His precepts are sure.*”

Again the Hebrew word translated **“sure”** is **“aman.”**

**Revelation 3:14** [King James] “*And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;*”

**“Amen” is the title given to Jesus Christ.**

**Hosea 5:9** [King James] “*Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.*”

The Hebrew word translated **“surely”** is **“aman”** so God’s warnings are also **“aman.”**

**Isaiah 33:16** [King James] “*He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.*”

God’s promises are also **“sure”** again the Hebrew word **“aman”** is used, also in **Isaiah 55:3**.

The Hebrew word **“amen”** is translated **“faithful”** when referring to humans in **Proverbs 11:13; Proverbs 25:13; Proverbs 27:6**.

**There are situations where people use amen to express their assent to a law or their willingness to submit to a penalty attached to the breach of the law, [Deuteronomy 27:14-15].**

**Amen is also used to express acquiescence to another’s prayer, [1 Kings 1:34-36].**

**Amen is also used to express acquiescence to another’s praise or thanksgiving to God, [1 Chronicles 16:36; Psalms 106:48; Jeremiah 28:6].**

Therefore **“amen”** said by God means, it is and it shall be so, and when said by people, let it be so.

**Jesus Christ is given the title “amen” because it is through Him that all the purposes of the Triune God are established, [2 Corinthians 1:20].**

The early Christian Churches followed the example of Israel in associating themselves audibly with the prayers and thanksgivings offered on their behalf.

In context of the gift of speaking in tongues, Paul asks if the rest of the congregation does **not** understand what is being said how can they respond amen, [1 Corinthians 14:16].

**This custom of response conforms with the pattern of things at the heavenly throne of God, [Revelation 5:14; Revelation 19:4].**

**Revelation 22:20-21** [New King James] *“He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus! The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”*

The individual says **“amen”** to express their **“let it be so”** in response to the divine **“amen”** referring to God’s **“thus it shall be.”**

Frequently the speaker adds **“amen”** to their own prayers and doxologies, as in the case at **Ephesians 3:21; Revelation 1:18; Luke 24:53; Matthew 6:13; Luke 24:53; John 21:25; Romans 1:25; Romans 9:5; Romans 11:36; Romans 15:33; Romans 16:20, 24, 27; 1 Corinthians 16:24; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 1:5; etc., etc.**

**Jesus Christ often used “amen” translated “verily” to introduce new revelations of the mind of God.**

In John’s gospel it is always repeated **“amen amen,” “verily verily”** but **not** elsewhere, Luke does **not** use this term at all.

Where **Matthew 16:18** and **Mark 9:1** have **“amen,”** Luke has **“of a truth”** thus by varying the translation of what Jesus Christ said, Luke throws additional light on the meaning of Jesus Christ’s words.

**As this study shows, we must never drift into the habit of using the word “amen” lightly.**

**We are either telling our Creator God that we have total faith in what He has promised in His Word, the Christian Bible because He is faithful, and true.**

**Or we are expressing our willingness to submit to His Word and accept as perfect justice any penalty our digression from His commandments and precepts will bring on us as a form of discipline, because of the great love He has for us, [Hebrews 12:4-11].**

**Amen.**