

## THE WORD

1. logos "the expression of thought" — not the mere name of an object. the Divine Expression (i.e. Christ)
2. rhema - denotes "that which is spoken, what is uttered in speech or writing"; in the singular, "a word"

**The Bible is our faith source** - Rom 10:17 - Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

**God warned of the time when the Bible would be misused, and that time is now** - 2 Tim 4:3-5 - 3 For the time will come when men WILL NOT put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. 5 But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

## WHAT IS GOD'S WORD?

**The entire Bible is from God and used to equip us for life**

2 Peter 1:20-21 20 **ABOVE ALL, YOU MUST UNDERSTAND** that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. 21 For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

2 Tim 3:16-17 -16 **ALL SCRIPTURE** is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**God is Christ, Christ is the Word, and so the Word is God –**

John 1:1-5 -1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Christ shows that the Sacred Word is directly from God and it's what will judge us in the end** - John 12:48-50 - 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

**God's Word is perfect –**

Prov 30:5-6 - 5 "Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield TO THOSE WHO take refuge in him. 6 Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Ps 18:30 As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless. He is a shield for all **WHO TAKE** refuge in him.

**Christ (The Word) is THE Source of Truth** - John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am THE way and THE truth and THE life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

**The Bible is much more than a book** - Heb 4:12 For the **word of God** is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

- Unlike other writings, the Bible is a living and active being
- It's the only thing that can deal with issues of the flesh, soul, and spirit.
- It's the "Purpose GPS"

**The keeping of God's Word is one of the qualifiers to answered prayers** - John 15:7 **IF you remain in me and MY WORDS REMAIN** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

**The entire Bible is a vital part of our intake for life** - Matt 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on EVERY WORD that comes from the mouth of God.'"

**Receiving and applying the Word of God is part of what cleanses us** -1 Peter 1:22-25 - 22 Now that you have purified yourselves BY OBEYING THE TRUTH SO THAT you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, →

→ but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "**All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,** 25 but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

**The Word formed the Heavens & Earth and will destroy heavens and Earth** - 2 Peter 3:5-7 - 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. 7 **By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire,** being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

**The Word can make things Holy** - 1 Tim 4:4-5 - 4 For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 because it is **consecrated by the word** of God and prayer.

**The Word is our weapon** - Eph 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation and the **sword of the Spirit,** which is the word of God.

**Understand, how we see things, directly affects how we are** - Matt 6:22-23 - 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

**It's the Word that gives the light** - Ps 19:8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

## HOW TO USE THE WORD OF GOD CORRECTLY

**The Word is both taught and preached** - Acts 15:35 But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, where they and many others taught and preached the word of the Lord.

**Teach** - didasko (did-as'-ko); (to learn); to teach (in the same broad application): (explain)

**Preach** - euaggelizo (yoo-ang-ghel-id'-zo) to announce good news (declare, bring (declare, show))

**In Order for God's Word to work in our lives it must be combined with faith** - Heb 4:2 For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of NO VALUE TO THEM, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.

**The preaching/teaching of the Word must be the most important part of the Church service** - Acts 6:2-4 - 2 So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. 3 Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

**The Word in the wrong hands is dangerous** - Matt 7:6 "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, **they may trample them under their feet,** and then **turn and tear you to pieces.**

**The only way to really understand the Word is through God's Spirit** - 1 Cor 2:13-14 - 13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and **he CANNOT** understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**The Bible is meant to be received by putting different parts of each book together.** - Isa 28:9-13 - 9 "To whom **will he teach knowledge,** and to whom **will he explain the message?** Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast? 10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little." 11 For by people of strange lips and with a foreign tongue the Lord will speak to this people, 12 to whom he has said, "This is rest; give rest to the weary; and this is repose"; yet they would not hear. 13 And the word of the Lord will be to them precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little, that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken. ESV

**A true Christian follows God's Word** - Luke 8:21 He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

**All Christians, especially ministers, must handle the Word of God correctly** - 2 Tim 2:15-18 - 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth.** 16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

**It important that we receive the Word of God for what it is...God's Word!** - 1 Thess 2:13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.

**We must be ready to receive the Word in order for it to be of any value to us -**

Matt 13:18-22 - 18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and **does not understand** it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But **since he has no root, he lasts only a short time.** When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. 22 The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the **worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth** choke it, making it unfruitful.

Luke 8:15 But the seed on good soil stands for **THOSE WITH A NOBLE AND GOOD HEART,** who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

**The Bible should be THE map of our lives** - Ps 119:133-136 - 133 Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me. 134 Redeem me from the oppression of men, that I may obey your precepts. 135 Make your face shine upon your servant and teach me your decrees. 136 Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed.

**The purpose of the Word is to save those that retain IT-**

James 1:16-18 - 16 **Don't be deceived,** my dear brothers. 17 **Every** good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth **THROUGH** the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

1 Cor 15:1-2 - Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this gospel you are saved, IF you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. OTHERWISE, you have believed in vain.

**If what we teach is not COMPLETELY supported by God's Word then the teaching is corrupt** – Titus 2:1 You **MUST TEACH** what is in accord with sound doctrine.

**The Gospel is Sacred. Condemnation will happen to anyone who preaches any other gospel** - Gal 1:6-9 - 6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7 which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let him be eternally condemned! 9 As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let him be eternally condemned!

## HOW SATAN TRIES TO REMOVE THE WORD

**Satan will try to make you think he's from Christ in order to deceive** - 2 Cor 11:13-15 - 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. **Their end will be what their actions deserve.**

**Satan's goal is to mislead us by avoiding, discrediting, or by distorting the Word** - Gen 3:1-6 - Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "**Did God really say,** 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" 4 "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

**He will try to add to the Bible and mislead** - 2 John 9-11 - 9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. 11 Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

**When we don't have a sound relationship with Christ, Satan sways us using our desires** - Col 2:2-4 - 2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, →

→ so that they may have the **full riches of complete understanding**, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 I tell you this **SO THAT** no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments.

**He'll try to have us partner with the World and disconnect from the Bible** - James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who **chooses** to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

**Ungodly people will use other means (from Satan) to get and keep their audience** - 2 Cor 4:1-2 - Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2 Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**We will always win against Satan as long as we fight with the complete Word of God** - Matt 4:1-10 - Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2 After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "**It is also written**: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 9 "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

#### **WHAT TO DO TO STAY IN THE WORD EFFECTIVELY**

**Realize the true value of the Word of God** - Matt 13:44-46 - 44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. 45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46 When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

**The Bible is the answer, we have to stop allowing other things from trumping His Word** - Matt 15:3-9 - 3 Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' 5 But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' 6 he is not to 'honor his father' with it. Thus **you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition**. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 8 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

**We have to go to the Word of God for "THE answer" and stop trying to make the Word of God support "OUR answers"** - John 5:39-40 - 39 You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

**We need to receive the Word and really focus on them** - Ps 119:15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

**It's important for us to be filled all the time with the Word of God** - Col 3:16-17 - 16 **LET the word of Christ dwell in you richly** as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**We need to get rid of the bad so we can receive the good** - 1 Peter 2:1-3 - Therefore, **rid yourselves of** all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, **crave pure spiritual milk**, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

**Do not distort God's Word in any way. Distorting the Word in any way is dangerous** - 2 Peter 3:15-16 - 15 **Bear in mind** that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him. 16 He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.

**We have to diligently receive the Word, and train ourselves by constantly using what we received** - Heb 5:11-14 - 11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. 12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! 13 **Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness**. 14 But **solid food is for the mature, WHO BY CONSTANT USE have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil**.

**Never let your circumstances keep you from the Word of God, because hard times helps us learn His ways** -Ps 119:69-72 - 69 Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies, I keep your precepts with all my heart. 70 Their hearts are callous and unfeeling, but I delight in your law. 71 **It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees**. 72 The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

**Use the word to check every teacher and every teaching** - Acts 17:11 Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

**Something's in God's word are hard to swallow but we must remember, IT IS GOD'S WORD** - 1 Cor 14:36-38 - 36 **Did the word of God originate with you?** Or are you the only people it has reached? 37 If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. 38 If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored.

**We must preach the Word every chance we get because people will not look for Sound Doctrine** - 2 Tim 4:2 **Preach THE WORD**; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction.

**In order for the Word to be effective we must apply it** - James 1:21-25 - 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 **DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE WORD, AND SO DECEIVE YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS**. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it — he will be blessed in what he does.

**We MUST do what it says –**

Luke 11:27-28 - 27 As Jesus was saying these things, a woman in the crowd called out, "Blessed is the mother who gave you birth and nursed you." 28 He replied, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it."

1 John 3:24 Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 5:2-3 - 2 This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. 3 **This is love for God**: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

John 14:23-24 - 23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. 24 He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

**Just stay in THE WORD and THE WORD only!** - 1 Cor 4:6-7 - 6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "**Do not go beyond what is written**." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

1. Faith comes from hearing a message as long as the message is what? -
  
2. Which writer of the Bible had the most influence on what was written?
  
3. God did not only commanded Jesus what to say, He also commanded what concerning the Word?
  
4. What does it mean when the Bible is considered "Living and active" ?
  
5. Give an example of combining the Word with Faith -
  
6. If anyone really studies the Bible, they will eventually understand it. (True or False)-
  
7. I Corinthians shows that if we do what with the Word we are saved?
  
8. Why is it necessary for us to have the full riches of complete understanding?

9. The good thing about the Bible, is Satan will never use it. (True or False)

10. Those that distort the Word of God will lead to their what?

11. Why in one spot in the Bible does it tell us to Crave Pure Spiritual milk and then another spot it says to move from milk to solid food?

12. When we just hear the Word, but does not apply it, we are doing what to ourselves?