

The Importance of the Word
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Starting from the beginning.

The Word was in the beginning:

John 1:1- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Genesis 1:1-In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

2- The earth was without form, and void: and darkness was without form and void: and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters.

God is:

- ❖ Infinite: unlimited, without boundaries, extending beyond measure or comprehension, without beginning or end; eternal, self-existent
- ❖ Never was a moment God didn't exist

Psalms 90:2- Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.

2- Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

The Word was made flesh:

John 1:14- 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.

Christ, the eternal God, became a human being

Christ: comes from the Greek word *Christos* which means "anointed one" or "chosen one." The Hebrew equivalent to "Christ" is *Mashiach*, or "Messiah."

Christ became part of Jesus name rather than Jesus the Christ is three aspects of who He is:

- Lord, Jehovah or Yahweh is the the personal name of God of the Bible.
- Jesus emphasis His Humanity
- Christ is His title, the Messiah

Philippians 2:5- Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

6- Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7- But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8- And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death of the cross.

9- Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every man:

Our mind should be humble and willing to walk in obedience to the Word of God. Jesus, our example, took the humble position as servant and was obedient unto death for the sake of others.

Christ “thought it not robbery to be equal with God” (7) means He let go of His privileges and glory as deity in heaven so that we might be saved.

As you study the Word, have you found your assignment? Are you ready to totally surrender your will?

Jesus was totally focused on His assignment.

Logos is the general word of God that communicates God’s ability to do something or His general will on a matter.

Rhema is the word the Holy Ghost quickens to a specific person for a special situation

To believe, we must know the Word.

Romans 10:14- How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15- 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!

16- But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord who hath believed our report?

17- So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Hebrew 4:11- Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same same example of unbelief

12-For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The word “for” connects verse 11.

Labour: Greek *spoudazo*, means to be diligent, seriously earnest (seriously important, demanding or receiving serious attention). To enter the present salvation rest (as well as our heavenly rest) we must be diligent not passive. We must submit wholeheartedly pursuing, in love and obedience to the Word of God.

Psalms 119:105- Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet, a light unto my path

Proverbs 30:5- Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.

6- Add thou not unto His words, lest He reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

“Every Word of God is pure.” The scriptures is the very life and Word of God. The Bible is without error, absolutely true, trustworthy and infallible.

2 Timothy 3:16- All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

“Given by inspiration of God”. (Greek *theopneustos*, from two Greek words: *theos*, meaning “God” and *pnee*, meaning “to breathe”).

Profitable: useful, beneficial

Reproof: to criticize or correct, especially gently; to disapprove strongly

Correction: punishment intended to reform, improve, or rehabilitate, chastisement

Instruction: impart knowledge or information, teaching, education

2 Peter 1:20- Knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation.
21- For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost

No prophecy or scripture came about by the writer’s own ideas, thoughts, or reasoning, but by the Holy Ghost

As believers we must maintain a strong uncompromising view of Holy Scripture as inspired and given directly by God.

This is for several reasons:

- ✓ It’s the only way to be true to what Jesus Christ, the Apostles and the Bible itself teaches about scripture (*Psalms 119; John 5:47*)
- ✓ Without the Holy Scriptures, there is no way the church (us) would have a sure foundation of faith, of salvation, absolute morals, no true message to preach without doubt, the working of miracles and such.
- ✓ Without a strong view of scripture, there is no absolute or objective truth based on the authority of God by which to judge right from wrong, the values of this world, human philosophies and ungodly practices (*Psalms 119:160*)
- ✓ Without a strong view of Holy Scriptures, Christians will not be ready to withstand the extreme difficulties of the last days (*1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; 1 Timothy 4:1*)
- ✓ Without a strong view of the Holy Scripture, the full authority and teaching of the Bible are weakened; the Bible subsequently will be replaced by subjective religious experience or by independent and critical reasoning (*2 Peter 2:1-3*)

1 John 4:17- Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world

Matthew 24:35- Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

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