

# THE WORD

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# **Our words carry great power!**

**With our words:**

- 1. We can encourage and build up.**
- 2. We can speak with love and compassion.**
- 3. We can just as easily discourage and tear down.**

**There is great power on display every time our mouths open.**

**The Bible spends so much time referring to the tongue of man and the responsibility to harness its power**

**James 3: 1-12.**

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Peter wanted his readers to remember the power of God's Words.

**1. God created our universe.**

**2 Peter 3: 5**

**5** For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water,

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**2. God flooded the earth.**

**2 Peter 3: 6**

**6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.**

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**3. God will destroy the earth and ungodly men.**

**2 Peter 3: 7**

7 But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

# **1. The WORD is GOD**

**We might fill our days with many spoken words, but they will never compare to the power that is found in the Words of God's mouth.**

**The Words of God, recorded in the Bible, are powerful and we must stand in awe of them.**

# The written Word of God is powerful to:

1. Prove that Jesus is the Christ.

## **Acts 18: 27-28**

**27** And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him; and when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,

**28** for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.



**The written Word of God is powerful to:**

**2. Convict us of sin.**

**Titus 1: 9**

**9** holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

# The written Word of God is powerful to:

3. Help us know God and His love for us.

**1 Cor. 2: 12-13**

**12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

**13** which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

# The written Word of God is powerful to:

## 4. Make us wise to seek salvation.

### 2 Timothy 3: 13-17

**13** But evil men and impostors will proceed *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

**14** You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*,

**15** and that from childhood you have known the **sacred writings** which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

**16** All **Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

**17** so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

# The written Word of God is powerful to:

## 5. Convert us from sin to Jesus.

### Acts 13: 46-48

**46** Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

**47** “For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, That You may bring salvation to the end of the earth.’ ”

**48** When the Gentiles heard this, they *began* rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

**The written Word of God is powerful to:**

**6. Build up our faith.**

**Acts 20: 32**

**32** “And now I commend you to God and to the **word** of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

# 1. The WORD is GOD

Jeremiah was a prophet who warned the people of Judah for many years concerning their eventual destruction because of idolatry and sin.

He was ignored by the people, and in order to negate his preaching many other "self-appointed" prophets preached that all was peace and prosperity.

**Jeremiah: 23: 29-30**

**29** "Is not My word like fire?" declares the Lord, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

**30** "Therefore behold, I am against the prophets," declares the Lord, "who steal My words from each other.

# 1. The WORD is GOD

In a time when the godlessness of the world is ever-increasing, it is more important than ever to heed the Word of God.

**Ps. 119: 105**

**105** The Word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

**2 Tim. 3: 16-17**

**16** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

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Heb. 4: 12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



# **1. The WORD is GOD**

**God's Word provides guidance and direction.**

**God's Word shows us the way to go and what to avoid.**

**When we are lost, it is there to guide us back to the right path.**

**When we are feeling alone, it is there to comfort us and remind us that God is with us.**

## 2. The WORD CREATES

### Jn. 1: 1-5

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**2** He was in the beginning with God.

**3** All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.

**4** In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.

**5** The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

## 2. The WORD CREATES

Jn. 1: 14

14 And the Word became flesh,  
and dwelt among us, and we saw  
His glory, glory as of the only  
begotten from the Father, full of  
grace and truth.

## 2. The WORD CREATES

### 1 Jn. 1: 1-4

1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—

2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us—

3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

4 These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

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### Rev. 19: 13

**13** And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

### Gen. 1: 1-3

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**2** The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

**3** Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

## 2. The WORD CREATES

### Heb. 1: 1-3

1 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways,

2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

3 And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

# 3. The WORD REVEALS

**The word of God has the power to reveal to us certain things that we could not know in any other way.**

For example:

- a. How and when the world was created.
- b. The reason man is the way he is – sin.
- c. The true nature of God.
- d. What happens to us after we die.

### 3. The WORD REVEALS

Human beings could study and speculate on these things for a thousand years and come up with many theories, but that's all they'd be, just theories because no one could really know.

God's Word gives us an eyewitness, truthful, and detailed account of things about God and human existence that we could never know otherwise.



### 3. The WORD REVEALS

#### A. God's Word is eternal truth.

##### Psalm 119: 160

**160** The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.

##### Proverbs 30: 5

**5** Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.

### 3. The WORD REVEALS

#### A. God's Word is eternal truth.

##### Isaiah 40: 8

8 The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

##### Matthew 24: 35

35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

# 3. The WORD REVEALS

## B. God's word helps us fight against sin.

### Psalm 119: 11

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

### Colossians 3: 16

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

### 2 Tim. 3: 16

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

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## B. God's Word helps us fight against sin.

James 1: 21-22

21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

# 3. The WORD REVEALS

## C. Study and Teach the Word of God.

### Acts 17: 11

11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

### Rom. 10: 17

17 So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

### 3. The WORD REVEALS

#### C. Study and Teach the Word of God.

##### **Rom. 12: 2**

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

##### **1 Cor. 2: 13**

13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.

### **3. The WORD REVEALS**

**D. The Word has the power to prepare us for Eternal Life.**

**Luke 12: 40**

**40** “You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect.”

### **3. The WORD REVEALS**

**D. The Word has the power to prepare us for Eternal Life.**

**i. The Word of God explains how Jesus has redeemed us.**

The Bible explains that death and condemnation are caused by sin, and how Jesus has redeemed or paid back our moral debt to God for sin by dying on the cross.

This is the core message of the Gospel.



### **3. The WORD REVEALS**

**D. The Word has the power to prepare us for Eternal Life.**

**ii. God's Word calls us to receive Jesus.**

**Acts 2: 37-38**

**37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"**

**38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

# 3. The WORD REVEALS

## D. The Word has the power to prepare us for Eternal Life.

### iii. The Word of God encourages us to repent.

**Matt. 5: 8**

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**Rom. 8: 12-14**

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

## Conclusion

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