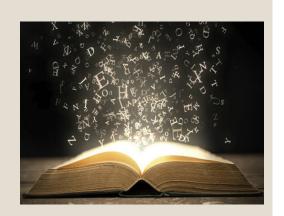


The Word of God

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3.1 What is the Word of God?



Myths are

- It is written by people from their experiences
- ➤ It tells us about history
- It is only to be read in the Church on Sundays
- > It contains Guidelines to reach heaven
- It is compilation of selected books that are needed for old age people

God's Word is Infallible

- •Inerrant: Without any mistakes
- •Infallible: Incapable (no possibility) of making mistakes

Psalms 12:6

The words of the Lord are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,

Purified seven times.

It is perfect, flawless, refined like silver. Nothing need to be added or removed to it.

Proverbs 30:5-6

Every Word of God is tested and refined [like silver];

He is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in Him.

Do not add to His words,

Or He will reprove you, and you will be found a liar.

Psamls 18:30 (AMP)

As for God, His way is blameless.

The word of the Lord is tested [it is perfect, it is faultless];

He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

II Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

John 17:14-17

I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

God's Word has power (Power to create)

Genesis Chapter 1

Vs 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"....

Vs 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters."

Vs 9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so.

And so on....

Hebrew 11:3

By faith [that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God] we understand that the worlds (universe, ages) were framed and created [formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose] by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

•He holds everything together with his word

Colossians 1:17 (AMP)

And He Himself existed and is **before all things, and in Him all things hold together.** [His is the controlling, cohesive force of the universe.]

Psamls19:1 (AMP)

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;

And the expanse [of heaven] is declaring the **work of His hands.**

Romans 1: 20 (AMP)

For ever since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through His workmanship [all His creation, the wonderful things that He has made], so that they [who fail to believe and trust in Him] are without excuse and without defense.

Once it is released it does work and never fails

Isaiah 55:10-11 (AMP)

So will My word be which goes out of My mouth;

It will not return to Me void (useless, without result),

Without accomplishing what I desire,

And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

God's Word is Life

Mathew 4:4 (AMP) Or Deuteronomy 8:3

But Jesus replied, "It is written and forever remains written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.'

Luke 11:28 (AMP)

But He said, "On the contrary, blessed (happy, favored by God) are those who hear the word of God and continually observe it."

John 6:63 (AMP)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh conveys no benefit [it is of no account]. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life [providing eternal life].

John 5:24 (AMP)

"I assure you and most solemnly say to you, the person who hears My word [the one who heeds My message], and believes and trusts in Him who sent Me, has (possesses now) eternal life [that is, eternal life actually begins—the believer is transformed], and does not come into judgment and condemnation, but has passed [over] from death into life.

God's Word Communicates His will (Declaration)

- God spoke to Moses face to face
- •He declare his plan over Israelites, every day/ sometimes hour

Numbers 12:8

"With him I speak mouth to mouth [directly],

Clearly and openly and not in riddles;

And he beholds the form of the Lord.

Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?"

•God Word came to Elijah to reveal the action plan he has to do immediately

I Kings 19:15-18

- ✓ Anoint Hazael on Syria
- ✓ Anoint Jehu on Israelites
- ✓ Anoint Elisha in place of you

- God spoke to Samuel about his will on Eli family
 - About Israel's first king
- •God Word came to Isaiah, Jeremiah and other prophets declaring his will over them
- •God's Word came to Jonah to proclaim his will over Nineveh

God's Word is divine revelation and inspiration

- •God's communication or disclosure to mankind about truth
- No matter how trustworthy his source of knowledge and how sincere he is to know the truth, all revelation must come from God
- •God's word is not the compilation of human thoughts about God but it is what God has done and revealed himself to humans.

Biggest revelation in Christian life is Jesus himself John 1:14

And the **Word (Christ) became flesh**, and lived among us; and we [actually] saw His glory, glory as belongs to the [One and] only begotten Son of the Father, [the Son who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, who is] full of grace and truth (absolutely free of deception).

Revelation is what God revealed and Inspiration is how the person who got revelation communicates the same with others. So, **Inspiration is a special gift** from Holy Spirit God

II Timothy 3:16-17

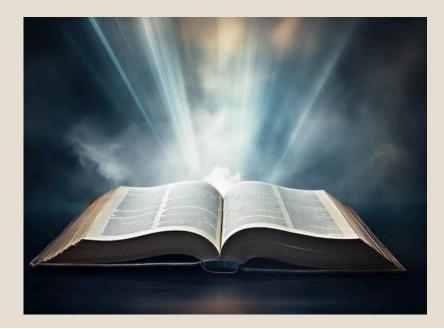
All Scripture is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

II Peter 1:19-21

And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation this first, that, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

God's word is divine illumination

- •Gods word gives us light in our ways and lead us towards eternal light.
- •We can see the spots in our life and correct them in the light of his word.



Psalms 119:18

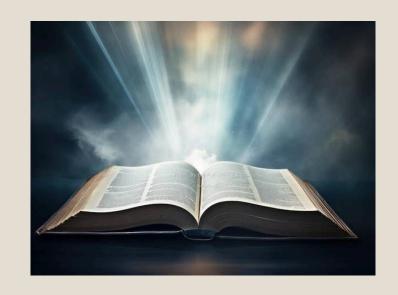
Open my eyes [to spiritual truth] so that I may behold

Wonderful things from Your law.

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet

And a light to my path.



•We can differentiate between the world and Godly ways Hebrews 4:12 (AMP)

For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Colossians 3:16 (AMP)

Let the [spoken] word of Christ have its home within you [dwelling in your heart and mind—permeating every aspect of your being] as you teach [spiritual things] and admonish and train one another with all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

 Even after his resurrection, Jesus revealed himself through Gods word

Luke 24:44-45

Then He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you, everything which has been written about Me in the Law of Moses and the [writings of the] Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to [help them] understand the Scriptures

God's word is Jesus Christ

Jesus is the word of God that dwelt among us John 1: 1-5 (NKJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **He** was in the beginning with God. All things were made through **Him**, and without **Him** nothing was made that was made. In **Him** was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1: 1-5 (AMP)

In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God **Himself**. He was [continually existing] in the beginning [co-eternally] with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him not even one thing was made that has come into being. In Him was life [and the power to bestow life], and the life was the Light of men. The Light shines on in the darkness, and the darkness did not understand it or overpower it or appropriate it or absorb it [and is unreceptive to it].

John 1:14

And the **Word (Christ) became flesh**, and lived among us; and we [actually] saw His glory, glory as belongs to the [One and] only begotten Son of the Father, [the Son who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, who is] full of grace and truth (absolutely free of deception).

•God's word (Jesus) is before all things and all things are created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16-17 (NIV)

For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

•Gods word judges us at the end based on the fact that we believed/accepted him or not.

Revelation 19:13

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

God's word is eternal

Nothing on earth is eternal except his word

Mathew 24:35

Heaven and earth [as now known] will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Isaiah 40:8

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the word of our God stands forever.

I Peter 1:25

But the word of the Lord endures forever."

And this is the word [the good news of salvation] which was preached to you. [Is 40:6-8]

John 5:39

You search and keep on searching and examining the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and yet it is those [very Scriptures] that testify about Me;

Revelation 22:19

and if anyone takes away from or distorts the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away [from that one] his share from the tree of life and from the holy city (new Jerusalem), which are written in this book.

Conclusions

- ✓ God's word is infallible (incapable of making mistakes)
- ✓ God's word **has power** To create, To hold and To perform
- ✓ God's word is Life
- ✓ Its divine declaration of God's will
- ✓ It is divine revelation and inspiration
- ✓ God's word is divine illumination
- ✓ God's word is Jesus Christ
- ✓ God's word is eternal

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