

THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD

GOD'S WRITTEN WORD (THE BIBLE) CONTAINS THE VERY FOUNDATION TRUTHS OF OUR ENTIRE WALK WITH HIM AS WELL AS OUR ONLY INFALLABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

1. THE WORD COMES TO US IN THREE FORMS.

- A. The written Word (Greek – Logos)
(2 TIM 3:16)
- B. The spoken Word (Greek – Rhema)
(EPH 6:17)
- C. The Living Word (Greek – Jesus)
(JOHN 1:1) (HEB 4:12)

2. THE WRITTEN WORD

- A. The written Word is what we know as the Bible or the Holy Scriptures.
- B. The term “Bible” actually means a collection of truths that prepare one for departure from earth.
- C. We know it today as the collection of the Scriptures and as the only textbook of Christianity. Though authors today are still inspired to write things to help us understand the Scriptures, these authors’ writings are not at all considered to be part of the Scriptures.
- D. It is infallible, totally without fault, and inspired by God in the original text and language.
(2 TIM 3:16)
- E. It includes both the Old and New Testament (a two-edged sword).

3. THE SPOKEN WORD

- A. The spoken Word is the written Word spoken through the mouth of believers.
(MARK 11:23)

- B. The spoken Word includes anointed preaching, teaching, prophesying, testifying, and exhorting.
(ROM 10:8-10)
- C. The spoken Word must be mixed with faith in order for it to profit you (not merely the reading of the Bible).
(HEB 4:1-2)
- D. The word “confession” means to say what God says about someone or something.
(ROM 10:9)

4. THE LIVING WORD

- A. The Living Word is Jesus Himself living in you.
(1 JOHN 1:1) (JOHN 1:1)
- B. The Living Word is always active and creates life within you.
(JOHN 6:63)
- C. The Living Word will burn within you like a constant holy fire.
(LUKE 24:32)

5. GOD’S WORD IS THE ABSOLUTE FINAL AUTHORITY ON ALL MATTERS IN HEAVEN AND IN THE EARTH.

- A. It is settled in Heaven forever.
(PSALM 119:89)
- B. God has even exalted His Word above His name.
(PSALM 138:2)
- C. God upholds everything by the Word of His power.
(HEB 1:3)
- D. It’s His Word that gives us power over unclean spirits (to cast them out).
(MATT 8:16)

6. THE PRODUCTIVITY AND YIELD OF THE WORD ARE SUBJECT TO THE HEARER.

- A. One must mix the Word with faith that is in them.
(HEB 4:1-2)

B. The Bible says it produces different yield.

(MARK 4:8)

- No yield
- Some thirtyfold
- Some sixtyfold
- Some a hundredfold

C. The Bible teaches us that this yield is totally subject to the heart condition of the hearer.

(MARK 4:14-20)

- Wayside = Satan comes immediately through distractions, and these people don't even allow the Word time to be planted.
- Stony ground = No root in themselves, so these people stumble because of persecution.
- Thorns = The cares of this world and lusts choke the Word in these people's lives, making the Word unprofitable.
- Good ground = These people hear the Word, accept it, and bear fruit.

7. LISTED BELOW, FOR YOUR CONTINUAL STUDY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, ARE OTHER BENEFITS AND ATTRIBUTES OF THE WORD OF GOD.

The Word is forever.	MATT 24:35
The Word is incorruptible	1 PETER 1:23
The Word is perfect.	PSALM 19:7-10
The Word is alive.	HEB 4:12
The Word is profitable.	2 TIM 3:16
The Word is final authority.	PSALM 119:89
The Word is sovereign always.	MATT 8:16
The Word is what we preach.	2 TIM 4:2
The Word is a very necessary food.	JOB 23:12
The Word is milk and meat.	HEB 5:13-14
The Word is sustenance to live.	LUKE 4:4
The Word will bring you fruit.	MARK 4:8
The Word will correct you.	2 TIM 3:16
The Word will cause you to grow.	1 PETER 2:2
The Word will renew your mind.	ROM 12:2
The Word will wash your mind.	EPH 5:26-27

The Word will move your mountain.	MARK 11:23
The Word will make you healthy.	PROV 4:20-22
The Word will bring you joy.	JER 15:16
The Word will get you born again.	1 PETER 1:23
The Word will save your soul.	JAMES 1:21
The Word will give you His nature.	2 PETER 1:4
The Word will build you up.	ACTS 20:32
The Word will set you free.	JOHN 8:31-32
The Word will sanctify you.	EPH 5:26
The Word will bring you faith.	ROM 10:17
The Word will hammer adversities.	JER 23:29
The Word will cause answered prayers.	JOHN 15:7
The Word will heal the sick.	PSALM 107:20
The Word will cause signs and wonders.	MARK 16:20
The Word will prevail over all things.	ACTS 19:20
The Word will fellowship with you.	PROV 6:20-22