

THE LIVING WORD

When anyone speaks, they express what's in their heart. The scriptures state that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks that's in Luke 6.45

It's no different with God. He doesn't just spout Bible teachings. He expresses His heart's desire for all men.

He told the Israelites that

I led you in the wilderness for forty years to teach you only one thing. You live by every word that I speak.

His words are not just Bible information. They are the expression of His heart and His desire for all of His creations. When God wanted to speak to all men, He didn't give us a book of teachings. He sent Jesus to be the expression of His life to all men.

Let's look at the scriptures.

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 came into being through HIM, and apart from HIM nothing came into being that has come into being. In HIM was life, and the life was the Light of men. John 1.1

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. John 5.24

God's words are not merely Bible study topics for us to discuss and debate. They are the expression of God's heart that invite all men to enter into a supernatural spiritual relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The Pharisees in Jesus's day dedicated themselves to a lifelong study of every stroke of the law. He scolded them saying, you search the scriptures thinking that in them you will find eternal life, but they speak of me and you won't come to me that you could actually have that life.

The Apostle Paul stated that the letter kills, but it's the Spirit that gives life. 2 Corinthians 3.6

Jesus also said,

"It's the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life. That's recorded in John 6.63.

Jesus declares God's reason for sending Him to end the separation between man and God and to bring us back into His family and His kingdom.

I came that they may have My life, and have it abundantly. John 10.10

And the testimony is this, that God has given us His eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. 1 John 5.11

God is supernatural, He's perfect, and He's eternal. God's Word is just like Him because His Word actually IS Him.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. Mark 13.31

Jesus Christ, Who is His living word, has created for us a completely new spiritual reality.

But as many as received HIM, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. John 1.12

God's Word is not a set of religious teachings and doctrines. It's not something that we mentally accept and try to add to our existing lives.

When we accept Christ as our Savior and His supernatural work on our behalf, we are actually receiving Him and accepting His invitation into a supernatural covenant relationship with Him.

When God wanted to speak to the whole world and redeem all of His creations back into His family, as citizens of His kingdom, He didn't give us a book of teachings. He sent Jesus to pay our penalty for sin and end our separation from God.

God's word is not a book of academic teachings for us to try to improve our behavior. God's not looking for an improved version of our old sinful nature that we inherited from Adam and Eve.

Peter explains that,
You have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, *that is*, through the living and enduring word of God.
1 Peter 1.23

In His parables, Jesus likened the word to a seed.
God's word is like a seed that when we allow the Holy Spirit to plant it in our spirits, has within it everything necessary to transform our old nature and impart to us His eternal life.

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.
Hebrews 4.12

God's living Word has the ability to show us the difference between our soul, which is our own human nature inherited through the fall of man and produces only death.

And our spirit, the part of us that can receive God's eternal life and transform us into new creations of His making. You can read this in Roman 8.6 and 2 Corinthians 5.17
God's word is not merely academic teaching. It's creative and powerful and accomplishes God's desire.

He says; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it. Isaiah 55.11

The Father sent Jesus into this world to forever end the separation of man from God because of the fall. He intended to re-create Man back to his original state of being and oneness with God. In the garden, God was Adam's reality, the source of his life, his health, and every provision to accomplish God's purposes for creating him.

Man is God's supreme creation to manifest His life to the entire world.
He has given us His Eternal life through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ so that we can do exactly that.

God has done everything necessary for all men to be infused with God's life and become the ambassadors of His kingdom to this entire world. As recorded in 2 Peter 1.2-4 and 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

God's intention was never to have people do religious homage to a God who lives out in the ozone somewhere or just be a theory or a concept in a book.
He intends for all of His creations to know and love Him as their Father and experience His presence in them for all their lives.

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our permanent dwelling place with him. John 14.23

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. John 15.7

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation to get His children back for Him. 2 Corinthians 5.18

Even Solomon exhorted the people of the power and importance of God's Word in their lives. He said; Do not let them depart from your sight; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they are life to those who find them and health to all their body. Proverbs 4.21

God's words are not merely theology and Bible study material. They are statements of reality about God's supernatural work to re-create us and redeem us back into His family as His children, His heirs and joint heirs with Christ. Romans 8.15

I've shared a lot of scriptures about God's intentions for us. So how do we make his perfect work on our behalf the reality of our life?

The Apostle Paul instructed the Colossian believers;

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, WHO IS OUR LIFE, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.
Colosians 3.1

Everything that we receive as God's children is by inheritance. We don't receive this inheritance because we're great children. We received it because we have an awesome Father.

We receive it by faith like little kids.

I say, THANK YOU DADDY!

God bless you.

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