

Prayer Notes

The Word of God is Spirit and Life

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The Word of God is progressive revelation.
It grows, develops, and continues to bring us to maturity.

In December 1953, the Decision magazine, by Dr. Billy Graham, posted an article giving most all the chapter of Isaiah 53. Then Dr. Graham commented that when he was in Korea at a conference, "A woman came up to be saved that was blind, and the moment she got saved, she was healed of the blindness." He also said, "another lady came to receive Jesus that was paralyzed, and the moment she got saved, she was also healed of that paralysis." He went on to comment, "I believe there's a whole lot more to the 53rd chapter of Isaiah than we ever realized."

Isaiah 53:4-5 TPT

"Yet he was the one who carried our sicknesses and endured the torment of our sufferings. We viewed him as one who was being punished for something he himself had done, as one who was struck down by God and brought low. [5] But it was because of our rebellious deeds that he was pierced and because of our sins that he was crushed. He endured the punishment that made us completely whole, and in his wounding we found our healing."

Jesus was viewed as being punished and brought low. Although He had not done anything to deserve this.

James 1:22 AMP

"But prove yourselves doers of the word [actively and continually obeying God's precepts], and not merely listeners [who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning], deluding yourselves [by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth]."

In this passage we are reminded of two things—

First— hear and listen.

Secondly— obey.

If you understand, believe, and follow this instruction it will be an incredible benefit throughout life. According to James 1:22 the right choice is to listen and take God's Word to heart. In Isaiah 53:5 healing is provided, through redemption. It's our right and privilege to accept healing. Take it to heart. When we confess the Word it creates. That's why Pastor has us confessing so much. It's not a ritual, but we are imitating what Jesus did. Jesus used His Word to create. He tells us how it's done in Romans 10:8
NASBS

"But what does it say? "The WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART"-that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, [9] That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

When we confess God's Word it's creative power working in us. The Word creates the life of God, causing our spirit to be born into the kingdom of God. The greatest miracle is the new birth.

1 John 1:1-2 MSG

"From the very first day, we were there, taking it all in—we heard it with our own ears, saw it with our own eyes, verified it with our own hands. The Word of Life appeared right before our eyes; we saw it happen! And now we're telling you in most sober prose that what we witnessed was, incredibly, this: The infinite Life of God himself took shape before us."

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Matthew 19:17 MSG

Jesus said, "Why do you question me about what's good? God is the One who is good. If you want to enter the life of God, just do what he tells you."

John 6:63 KJV

"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

God's Word is spirit and life. Two interesting Greek words, "Logos" and "Rhema." Logos means the general revealed will of God. Logos is used in this passage-John 1:1 NASBS

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Rhema is a personal Word of God or the spoken Word of God, which brings it home personally, to you.

Ephesians 6:17 NASBS

"And take the HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Word or Rhema)."

The sword of Spirit signifies the spoken Word of God.

The Word of God creates and will create for you. God's Word is spirit and life. It's pretty amazing what He has provided for us. I pray we allow His Word to create in us the infinite life of God; the God kind of Life.

Amen! Have a great week!

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