

## **“THE WORD”**

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John 1:1, 14; 1 John 5:7; Ps. 138:2 [God’s name is intertwined with His Word. Disregard of God’s Word is equivalent to disregarding God’s name.]

- ➡ “*The Word*” is one of the most profound titles of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ➡ A word is composed of letters. Jesus Christ is the “*Alpha and Omega*.” He is God’s alphabet.

The main difference between the God of the Bible and false gods is our God speaks, whereas the gods of the world are mute.

- If God never spoke there would be no **creation**. Donald Trump can speak (or tweet) and create dramatic swings in politics and our nation’s economy. World leaders can speak and bring us to the brink of international war. But when God speaks worlds have been created (Gen 1; Heb. 11:3)!
- If God never spoke there would be no **commandments**.
- If God never spoke there would be no incarnate **Christ**. Although the person of Christ is eternal, there was an appointed time that He would come to earth enrobed in human flesh as the Word.

### **A WORD ABOUT WORDS...**

1. Words are a means of **COMMUNICATION**. Words communicate information.
    - Christ’s title “*the Word*” tell us God has something to say! When Jesus speaks it is God speaking—“*Hear ye Him!*”
  2. Words are a means of **EXPRESSION**. If I have a thought, that thought can only be known as it is expressed in words. As “*the Word*” Jesus is the expression of God’s person (Heb. 1:1-3).
    - Jesus is the *personification* of God’s Word—Indestructible... unchanging... and never outdated.
  3. Words are means of **REVELATION**. Your words will reveal your character... your education... your nationality (accent)... your heart’s condition (Mt. 12:34). From the very beginning God has had a plan or redemption, but if He never spoke, it would never be known.
    - Our words reveal our hearts and minds. Likewise, Jesus Christ is God’s “word” that reveals His heart and mind to us (John 14:9).
- ➡ Jesus, the *incarnate* Word, and the Scriptures, the *written* word, both do the same thing—Reveal the mind of God.
  - ➡ The words “God” and “the Scripture” and used interchangeably. Scriptures are given the qualities of *personality* (Heb. 4:12-13).
  - ➡ When the Scripture speaks, it is as good as God speaking:

• Rom. 9:17 cf. Ex. 9:13, 16 — Gal. 3:8 cf. Gen. 12:3

<b>THE INCARNATE WORD</b>	<b>THE WRITTEN WORD</b>
Called " <i>the Word of God</i> " Rev. 19:13	Called " <i>the Word of God</i> " Heb. 4:12
Two natures: " <i>Son of God</i> " and " <i>Son of Man</i> "	Two natures: "Holy men" moved by the Holy Ghost
Loved and hated: People who love Jesus, also love the Bible	Loved and hated: People who hate the Bible, also hate Jesus Christ
Able to save (Heb. 7:25)	Able to save (James 1:21)
" <i>I am... the life</i> " (John 14:6)	" <i>The words that I speak... are life</i> " (John 6:63)
" <i>I am the light of the world</i> " (John 8:12)	" <i>Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path</i> " (Ps. 119:105)
" <i>I am alive forevermore</i> " (Rev. 1:18)	" <i>Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven</i> " (Ps. 119:89)
" <i>I am... the truth</i> " (John 14:6)	" <i>Thy word is truth</i> " (John 17:17)
" <i>Christ abideth forever</i> " (John 12:24)	" <i>The Word of God... abideth forever</i> " (1 Pet. 1:23)
" <i>Christ hath made us free</i> " (Gal. 5:1)	" <i>The truth shall make you free</i> " (John 8:32)
" <i>The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin</i> " (1 John 1:7)	" <i>Ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken</i> " (John 15:3)
" <i>Jesus Christ... shall judge the quick and the dead</i> " (2 Tim. 4:1)	" <i>The word that I have spoken.. shall judge him</i> " (John 12:48)
" <i>Striving according to His working which worketh in me mightily</i> " (Col. 1:29)	" <i>The word of God which effectual worketh also in you that believe</i> " (1 Thess. 2:13)
" <i>That which was from the beginning... the Word of life</i> " (1 John 1:1)	" <i>Holding forth the word of life...</i> " (Phil. 2:16)

### **THE BIBLE IS JESUS IN WRITTEN FORM**

(You are only as close to Jesus as you are close to His Word!)

The Scriptures and the Word bear one glorious name,  
The Living and the Written Word, in all things are the same.

In **Genesis**, He is the Seed of the woman  
 In **Exodus**, He is the smitten Rock  
 In **Leviticus**, He is the sacrificial Lamb  
 In **Numbers**, He is the brazen serpent  
 In **Deuteronomy**, He is the Prophet like unto Moses  
 In **Joshua**, He is Captain of the Lord's hosts  
 In **Judges**, He is the angel of the Lord who appeared unto Manoah  
 In **Ruth**, He is the Kinsman Redeemer  
 In **Samuel**, He is the Son of David  
 In **Kings & Chronicles**, He is the One greater than Solomon  
 In **Ezra**, He is the Lord with a good hand  
 In **Nehemiah**, He is the Wall Builder  
 In **Esther**, He is Unseen Hand  
 In **Job**, He is the living Redeemer  
 In **Psalms**, He is the coming Messiah  
 In **Proverbs**, He is Wisdom  
 In **Ecclesiastes**, He is the truth *above* the sun  
 In the **Song of Solomon**, He is the Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valleys  
 In **Isaiah**, He is Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father  
 In **Jeremiah**, He is the Lord our Righteousness  
 In **Ezekiel**, He is the Prince who enters by the Eastern Gate  
 In **Daniel**, He is the stone cut without hands  
 In **Hosea**, He is the Husband of Gomer  
 In **Joel**, He is the one roaring out of Zion  
 In **Amos**, He is the One standing upon the altar  
 In **Obadiah**, He is the Humbler of Edom's pride  
 In **Jonah**, He is typified in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.  
 In **Micah**, He is the Ruler of Israel  
 In **Nahum**, He is the Stronghold in the day of wrath

In **Habakkuk**, He is the Lord in His Holy Temple  
 In **Zephaniah**, He is the Lord in the midst  
 In **Haggai**, He is the desire of all nations  
 In **Zechariah**, He is the One wounded in the house of His friends  
 In **Malachi**, He is the Sun of Righteousness  
 In **Matthew**, He is the King of the Jews  
 In **Mark**, He is the servant of the Lord  
 In **Luke**, He is the Son of Man  
 In **John**, He is the Son of God  
 In **Acts**, He is the Builder of the Church  
 In **Romans**, He is the Justifier  
 In **1 Corinthians**, He is the Last Adam  
 In **2 Corinthians**, He is the unspeakable gift  
 In **Galatians**, He is the Seed of Abraham  
 In **Ephesians**, He is head of the church  
 In **Philippians**, He is the supplier of our needs  
 In **Colossians**, He is the preeminent One  
 In **1 & 2 Thessalonians**, He is our returning Lord  
 In **1 Timothy**, He is God manifest in the flesh  
 In **2 Timothy**, He is the righteous judge  
 In **Titus**, He is the Blessed Hope  
 In **Philemon**, He is Savior of Slaves  
 In **Hebrews**, He is the Great High Priest  
 In **James**, He is the Judge standing before the door  
 In **1 Peter**, He is the Chief Shepherd  
 In **2 Peter**, He is the day star  
 In **1 John**, He is our Advocate  
 In **2 John**, He is the one who is true  
 In **3 John**, He is source of prosperity  
 In **Jude**, He is coming with ten thousands of his saints  
 In **Revelation**, He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lord

**I. The FIRST Word** (John 1:1, 14). In the **book of Revelation** John takes us farther into the future than any other N.T. writer. In the **Gospel of John** he takes us farther into the past than any other N.T. writer.

- A. The IDENTIFICATION of the Word. You are known by your words (Mt. 12:37; Eccl. 5:3- "...*a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.*"). Likewise God may be known through Christ as "*the Word.*"
- B. The INTENTION of the Word. To bring light and life. Remove the Word and you have death and darkness—The Dark Ages.
- C. The INCARNATION of the Word. Made flesh that man might see Deity in human form.
  - Jesus Christ is God's "visual aid" of who He is (Col. 1:15). Christ is the visible "*image of the invisible God.*" In Christ, we see God in a comprehensible way.

**II. The FULL Word** (Colossians 2:9).

- A. O.T. gives a partial revelation of God the Father.
- B. Jesus came to reveal the Father (John 14:9 - "*He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.*")
- C. Jesus is the "*translation*" of God. He is the *expositor* of God. He is the *Interpreter* of God. Everything you need to know about God you find in Christ, "*the Word*"—God manifest in the flesh (1 Tim. 3:16).

**III. The FINAL Word** (Rev. 19:13). Men are awaiting another word, but there will be no other Word.

- A. He was the **creating** Word "in the beginning" (John 1:1-3).
- B. The **living** Word in His incarnation (John 1:14),
- C. He is the **victorious** Word in His second coming.

**SUMMATION:** A spoken word always needs a response. God has spoken in His Son and in the Scriptures. How will you respond?

About 200 years before the birth of Christ the famous inventor Archimedes said, "Give me a lever long enough, a fulcrum strong enough and I, single-handed, will move the world." In our time, author Joesph Conrad commented, "Don't speak to me of Archimedes' lever... Just give me the right word, and I shall move the world."

God has already given the right word—The Word Is Christ—The Word is the Bible!

Paul's command to "*preach the Word*" is equivalent to preaching Jesus!