

"THE WORD"

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 and never outdated.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 Word" 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

THE INCARNATE WORD	THE WRITTEN WORD
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

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

I Genesis, H	S				I Habakkuk, H	L	H	H
I Exodus, H		R			T			
I Leviticus, H			L		I Zephaniah, H	L		
I Numbers, H					I Haggai, H			
I Deuteronomy, H	P				I Zechariah, H	O		
M					H			
I Joshua, H	C		L		I Malachi, H	S		
					R			
I Judges, H			L		I Matthew, H	K		J
M					I Mark, H			L
I Ruth, H	K	R			I Luke, H	S	M	
I Samuel, H	S	D			I John, H	S	G	
I Kings & Chronicles, H			O		I Acts, H	B		C
S					I Romans, H	J		
I Ezra, H	L				I 1 Corinthians, H		L	A
I Nehemiah, H			B		I 2 Corinthians, H			
I Esther, H	U	H						
I Job, H		R			I Galatians, H	S		A
I Psalms, H			M		I Ephesians, H			
I Proverbs, H					I Philippians, H			
I Ecclesiastes, H			<i>above</i>					
					I Colossians, H			O
I Song of Solomon, H		R			I 1 & 2 Thessalonians, H			
S	L	V			L			
I Isaiah, H		,C	,		I 1 Timothy, H	G		
M	G	E	F					
I Jeremiah, H		L			I 2 Timothy, H			
R					I Titus, H	B	H	
I Ezekiel, H		P			I Philemon, H	S	S	
E	G				I Hebrews, H	G	H	P
I Daniel, H					I James, H	J		
I Hosea, H	H		G		I 1 Peter, H	C	S	
I Joel, H					I 2 Peter, H			
I Amos, H		O			I 1 John, H	A		
					I 2 John, H			
I Obadiah, H	H		E		I 3 John, H			
					I Jude, H			
I Jonah, H								
					I Revelation, H	K	K	
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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!