

Sermon #1

The Word of God

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. ⁸He was not that Light, but was *sent* to bear witness of that Light. ⁹That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" ¹⁶And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.
John 1:1-18

Jesus Christ is the Word of God, the Son of the living God.
His teachings are pure and true.

Moses was not the Word of God;
neither was Abraham, David, Solomon or Paul.

Paul was a man—a follower of Christ—like millions of others that have walked the earth.

He spoke and wrote the best he knew at the time, but even he said that he looked through a mirror darkly. He looked forward to when he would see face to face. Thus, not everything Paul said was clear or true or applicable to our own situations.

If you truly desire the Word of God—which is truth and love—you must turn to God and receive His Christ—His Messiah, His Son. In Him is life and truth.

Some people say that the book we call the Bible is the Word of God. But the Bible itself says clearly that Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

The Bible is a collection of scriptures that testify about the one faithful, true, living God and His Christ. It also tells about unfaithful, disbelieving and unappreciative man, warning us to avoid their follies and exhorting us to obey and believe God.

So when someone says, “What does the Word say?” don’t go to Moses or David or Solomon or Paul—go to Christ. Search His teachings that are recorded in the Bible, and you will most likely find the answer to your question.

Sometimes we prefer to read what Moses or David or Paul wrote because their words are more acceptable to us than are the words of Jesus.

The Bible is a wonderful gift from God that is an authoritative and credible witness to the Word of God, but it is Jesus Christ and the testimony of the Holy Spirit that is the Word of God.

Unless you have love in your heart and a willingness to obey the Word of God, you will not really understand the Bible.

Keep in mind that Jesus said, ¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not

speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

John 16:12-13

And how do we get this Spirit of truth? Jesus said,

¹⁵“If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

John 14:15-18

As you go forward in seeking truth, it will be revealed to you at the time you need it.

The Word of God: Is it True?

God is astoundingly faithful and true to His Word and His promises.

He does just what He says He will do.

He gives just what He says He will give.

He destroys just what He says He will destroy—evil and lies—
and it is always for our good.

God is not the problem, ever.

Blaming God for anything evil just shows the accuser’s ignorance of truth!

So how do we know for sure that the Word of God is true,
and that the teachings and testimony of Jesus are true?

There are two possible ways to know that the word of God is true:

The first way is to simply choose to believe it is true, and then act on it.

The second way is to act on it, and then you will see that it is true.

Either way, it is something you must choose to do.

It doesn’t just happen.

Neither I or any other human being
can prove to you that the Word of God is true.

No amount of church activities or sermons
can prove to you that the Word of God is true.
No tithe or donation, no matter how large, can buy this proof.
No book, Bible study, college program or class
can prove to you that God's Word is true.
No amount of study will prove it;
a lifetime spent in seminary won't prove it.

If you want proof that the word of God is true, you have to obey it.
It is really that simple.
When you obey it wholeheartedly, you will see clearly that it is true.
There is no shortcut or sidestep, no fast track or special exemption.

Jesus said,

²⁰“At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me,
and I in you. ²¹He who has My commandments and keeps them, it
is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My
Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

²²Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will
manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” ²³Jesus 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
home with him.”

John 14:20-22

The only way to know that the word of God is true is through a
personal relationship with God and obedience to Him. The more
we obey His commandments—not out of duty but because we love
and trust Him to know what is best—the more the truth will be
revealed to us and proven to be true.

God can reveal truth to you anywhere, anytime, through anyone
and anything He chooses.

But if you want to know if that truth is true, you must obey it,
live it, practice it.

Every time I believe and trust God enough to do something His way instead of my way or someone else's way, I see the truth of His word. It proves itself true. He proves Himself true. Then I know, without a doubt, that God's word is true.

“I AM the Lord your God, the one true living God.

Every word I speak is true.

Every thought I think is true.

Everything I do is true.

If you believe My word and obey it,

you will see that I AM true and that My Word is truth.

You will see and believe.

Don't you want to know?

Don't you want to see the truth, and know that it is true?

O My dear people, I love you so very Much.

I AM your Father, and I want you to know Me.

I AM good and kind. I always do good to you.

Even in what you think is bad, I AM working good.

I love you so very much.

My Word is true: Listen to Him.

He testifies to your heart and mind;

He tells you the truth and shows you the way.

Listen to My Word; love My Word; speak and obey My word.

Come. Follow. See that My word is true.”

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