

LESSON I

THE WORD OF GOD/TRIUNE GOD

I. THE BIBLE CONTAINS THE WORD OF GOD - Must accept by faith and settle in your heart. (Heb. 11:6)

- A. The Bible contains the word of God and words from God. The Bible also accurately records the words of confused or mistaken men. The Bible also records lies, deceptions and false doctrines of the devil, religious leaders and mistaken or fallen men. All scripture is accurately recorded, but not all words are of God or even of truth.
- B. The Bible record historic and geographic information. The Bible presents insight into science, medicine, law, prophecy, poetic phrase and conversations of men.
- C. The most powerful and life changing passages are those which quote God or angels and the prophetic or instructional words of men of God. (**II Peter 1:19-21** So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.)
- D. The "Spirit of Truth" empowering prophecy (the proclaiming of the counsel of God) is always the revealing of an element or aspect of Messiah and His work of redeeming man and creation. (**Revelation 19:10** For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophesy.) The centerpiece of the entirety of scripture is the Anointed Redeemer, our Messiah and the Father's plan to redeem man and creation through His life and the life He lives through us, His sons.
- E. The word of God is not just for reading. The word is for assimilation and regeneration. (**James 1:21** ...receive with meekness (submission) the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.) Grafting is a process where a natural limb of a tree is cut off and the limb of a different tree is spliced (grafted) in. Now the natural tree can produce the fruit of what was once not a part of them, but now is. By the word being "grafted in" we can begin to produce the fruit of the word we have received and submitted to.
- F. To grow in the Word of Truth the reading and comparing of multiple translations is very helpful.

II. THE WORD OF GOD

- A. It was written for our benefit. (**Hebrews 10:16** "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws upon their heart, and on their mind I will write them," He then says, "And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.")
- B. **It Is Inspired by God.** His breath to us.

1. **(II Tim. 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.) It is His word to us that corrects us, instructs us, inspires and empowers us.
2. **(II Peter 1:21** ... for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.)

C. Is Eternal – forever the same

1. **(Isaiah 40:8** ...the grass will wither, the flower will fade, but the word of our God stands forever (changeless).” (Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.) (Psalms 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.) The eternal word is dependable. (Matthew 5:18 “For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”) The eternal word will be fulfilled in smallest detail.

D. Provides personal fellowship and relationship with the Father. Just like letters from a friend allow us to grow in knowledge of them, to become comfortable with them and blend our life with theirs, letters from our God prepare us to relate to Him and receive Him.

1. **(I Cor. 1:9** God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.)
2. **(I John 1:1-3c)** Is powerful to our understanding, especially the latter part of verse three. “ ...truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” The word is of God, Jesus and the word are one, so time in the word of our New Covenant is a form of fellowship, spending time with the mind and nature of God.
3. **(Rom. 8:15-17)** ...you have received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba! Father!’ (or Daddy God). The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs---heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...
4. The words of our New Covenant (Testament) are letters from our Heavenly Father, that tell me of my family traits, lineage, nature, purpose, plan and potential. The letters tell me who He is and what He desires. The tell me how I can become of Him and like Him.
5. In simplest terms, the word of God is like family letters, kinship communications that explain what was, what is and what is to come.
6. The word of God gives me my intended identity, family history, family business, life plan and goals He has set before me.
7. The Word of God is meant to cleanse and shape me, so I can shape His world.

D. Is Powerful and Creative

1. **(Gen. 1:3)** Then God said, ‘Let there be light’ and there was light.
2. **(Heb. 11:3)** By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

3. **(Heb. 4:12)** For the Word of God is **LIVING** and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. The word of God is like a two edged sword; it cuts between our human nature (carnal mind), and our spiritual nature, separating the soul and spirit, so the spirit can assume ascendancy.
4. **(John 1:1-4)** In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. (Jesus is the word, the word is Jesus, they are one.)
5. **(John 10:10)** I (the word) am come that you may have life (the God kind of life) and have it in abundance (to the full).

E. Is Recreative

1. **(Eph. 4:23)** ...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.
2. **(Rom. 12:2)** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
3. **(John 17:17)** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. The word separates.
4. **(Ephesians 5:26)** He separates (sanctifies) His body by cleansing it through washing it with the word as with water.
5. **(II Peter 1:4)** For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that be them you may become partakers of the divine nature, have escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. The word of our New Covenant empowers us to ruse up into the divine nature, being like Him.
6. **Joshua 1:8** teaches us to meditate the word of God to conform us to wisdom and success. The Psalmist hid the word in his heart to recreate his nature.

III. TRIUNE GOD (Elohim - O.T. name for God: The Lords our God are One)

A. We believe in One God - with three distinct personalities

1. **(Is. 43:10-11)** Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior.
2. **(Is. 44:6)** I am the First and I am the last; besides Me there is no God. (Rev. 22:13; Deut. 4:39)
3. **God's personalities revealed: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matt. 3:16-17)** Then **Jesus**, when He had been baptized, came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the **Spirit of God** descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly **a voice came from heaven**, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.' **(II Cor. 13:14; I John 5:6-9 Amp.)**
4. **All three persons of the Triune God always agree. (Matt. 28:19)**
We are baptized into UNITY. (I John 5:6-8 Amp.) This is He Who came by (with) water and blood {His baptism and His death}, Jesus Christ, the Messiah; not by (in) the water only but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the (Holy) Spirit Who bears witness, because the (Holy Spirit) is the truth. So there are three witnesses in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One; and there are three witnesses on earth, the Spirit, the water and the blood; and these three agree -- are in unison, their testimony coincides.

- B. The Father God revealed through Jesus. (John 10:30)**
1. **(John 14:9-11)** Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father;** so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’”
 2. **(Col. 1:15)** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
 3. **We have union with the Father. (John 17:21-23)** ...that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.
 4. **The gap was bridged by Jesus Christ.**
 - a. **(I Tim. 2:5-6)** For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.
 - b. **(John 14:6)** I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- C. Jesus Christ was God Incarnate (God embodied in flesh) not just a good man.**
1. **(II Cor. 5:19a)** ...that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...
 2. **(Col. 1:15)** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.
 3. **(John 1:1-3, 14)** 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 were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. **...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...**
 - a. (Vs. 1) Jesus was God.
 - b. (Vs. 2) Jesus was eternal.
 - c. (Vs. 3) He was involved with creation.
 - d. (Vs. 3) Agrees with Col. 1:16-17 Jesus has the same creative power that God does.
 - e. (Vs. 14) and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us...
 4. **Jesus came as man to be a witness of the nature and personality of God.** You see God’s nature in the works Jesus did. **(John 5:19; John 5:30; John 14:7-10)**
 - a. **(Col. 2:9)** For in Him dwells **ALL** the fullness of the Godhead bodily.
 - b. **(John 5:36b)** ...the works which the Father has given me to finish--the very works that I do--bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.
 - c. **(John 1:18)** No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.
- D. The Holy Spirit - is the third person of the Trinity.**
1. **The Holy Spirit was sent after Jesus left.**
 - a. **(John 14:26)** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
 - b. **(John 16:7b)** ...It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
 2. **Teaches and brings to remembrance the knowledge of God.**

(I John 2:27) But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. **(John 14:26; I John 2:20)**

3. **We are living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit.**
 - a. **(John 14:16-17)** ...I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth... The Holy Spirit brings God's nature to us by dwelling within us. **(I Cor. 6:19-20)**
 - b. **(I John 4:4b)** ...He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
4. **The Holy Spirit is for the growth and profit of the body and brings organization to the body. (I Cor 12:7, 12-13a)** ...For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...
5. **The Holy Spirit leads us in peace. (Col. 3:15 Amp.)** And Let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from the Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts--deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds--[in that peaceful state] to which [as members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful--appreciative, giving praise to God always.
6. **We believe that tongues is the evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit.**
 - a. **(Mark 16:17-18)** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues...
 - b. **(Acts 2:4)** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.
 - c. **(Acts:10:44, 46)** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.