

THE LIVING WORD

TEXT:	John 6:60-68
KEY VERSE:	Hebrews 4:12

¹² For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 [AMPC]

How?

How does a book—Any book—do all of that? It is “alive and full of power.” That cannot be said of an algebra textbook, or the local newspaper, or Betty Crocker Cookbook.

*What actually **causes** God's word to have power in it, and to actually **be** alive?*

Jesus had just finished his controversial sermon. “I am the Bread of Life.” He taught that, to be nourished, we must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The general response was, “Eeeeew!” Once again, the people missed the point, even though he explained:



⁶³ It is the Spirit Who gives life [He is the Life-giver]; the flesh conveys no benefit whatever [there is no profit in it]. The words (truths) that I have been speaking to you are spirit and life. John 6:63

Jesus said, “It is the Spirit who gives life.” He **IS** The Breath of Life.

⁷ Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7

When God breathed his spirit into man, He became a living being. He lived because God breathed life into him through his spirit. He breathed his spirit into him.

¹⁶ Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God’s

will in thought, purpose, and action), 2 Timothy 3:16 [AMPC emphasis added]

“Inspiration” means “in-spirited.” In-spirited. Inspired means that the Spirit is in it. The reason Adam, and God's word live is because God breathed his own spirit into both. “The flesh profiteth nothing” (KJV) without God's spirit breathed into him, Adam's flesh was lifeless.

Without God's spirit breathed into His word, it would be lifeless-just another text! Just a book!

That is why your natural man cannot receive the things of God, their foolishness to him. The man who tries to receive things that are “spiritually discerned,” without God's breath, will receive nothing. His flesh will profit nothing. Jesus words are spirit and life; They do not benefit the flesh, the intellect, the “Natural man.”

To “get it,” You must get it from the Holy Spirit!

The word is more than **words**! It contains “the deep things of God,” that only the spirit can search out.

Trying to study those deep things with your intellect is like trying to study an Angler Fish with a snorkel and flippers. You need a bathyscaphe!

the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, **exploring*** and examining everything, even **sounding*** the profound and **bottomless*** things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny]. 1 Corinthians 2:10 [AMP Emphasis added.]

* Yep, those are nautical terms. The things we cannot reach with our snorkel- and- flippers, mind, he can search out. He is the bathyscaphe.

So, it is impossible for us to know the depths of the truth of God's word unless we are in the Spirit. Just as I cannot see an angler fish unless I am in a bathyscaphe. I am studying God's word in vain- **taking** God's word in vain- if I do not come to the Holy Spirit before I open His book! The deep treasures of the knowledge of God's mystery are hidden in Christ. When the Spirit reveals to us the wisdom and knowledge of God, he reveals Jesus! It is all in him!

⁹ For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰ and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.
He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth
by means of Christ's blood on the cross. Colossians 1:19-20

He **IS** The Word!² All of God's fullness dwells in him.³

- The Word is God⁴. All of God's fullness lives in the Word.
- The Father is God. He is a spirit.⁵ the Godhead, and all that He is emanates from the Father.
- Jesus is God. He is flesh and blood.⁶ He is the Word in the flesh.⁷
- The Holy Spirit is God. The Godhead and all that he is transfers in the Holy Spirit. He is spirit and life. He is the life and breath in the Word.

He makes everything live!

¹ 1 Corinthians, 2: 10.

² John 1:1,14

³ Colossians 2: 9.

⁴ John 1: 1.

⁵ John. 4: 4.

⁶ Luke 24: 38-40.

⁷ John 1: 1-18,1 John 1: 1-4.

He is in you.

The same spirit who raised Jesus from the grave takes your mortal flesh and makes it live. He causes you to live the life of God by putting God's life in you.

¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.
Romans 8:11 [ESV Emphasis added]

We often interpret Romans 8: 11 **only** as a resurrection text. It is that but notice the bold text. Paul says, "The spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your **mortal bodies**." At the Resurrection, we will be given a new **im**mortal body; but the spirit will breathe life into this, **mortal** body if he dwells in you. The phrase, "who dwells in you" is in the present tense. He will give life to your mortal bodies that you have now through his spirit who dwells in you now. It is what makes verses 12-17 possible.



*HE TEACHES YOU THE WORD THAT HE MADE ALIVE,
SO YOU CAN BE MADE ALIVE,
SO YOU CAN BE LIKE THE SON THAT HE MADE ALIVE.*

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. Romans 8:9 [HCSB]

The Spirit, the Breath of God lives in you as a believer. He is the self-same Breath of God who breathed the word of God.⁸ Here, Paul calls him the "Spirit of Christ." "Christ" means, "the anointed one, and his anointing." So, He is the Breath of anointing.

- God's Son is anointed with God's power- life.
- God's word is anointed with God's power- life.
- You are anointed with God's power- life.⁹

So, to live in that power, you must connect with the Spirit, and receive the anointed knowledge of the Son, and allow the Spirit to put it into your spirit and cause you to do it¹⁰. -SELAH

When you do that, you will not need someone to teach you to know the Lord. He will teach you himself, writing his truth directly to your heart and mind. He will cause you to do it.¹¹

Notice again, that it is God who does this work in you.¹² In Ezekiel 36 and Jeremiah 31 count how many times God says., "I will...." Ours is to submit to the Spirit by faith and allow him to do the work in our spirit by faith. All else- including reading the Bible- is a work of the flesh.

"The flesh profiteth nothing."

Look at all that God's living word does for us! In a word, it does EVERYTHING.

I pray that this helps you to approach this living book anew. Slow down. One of its anointed words can change your whole life! Three of them raised Lazarus from death!

We are all growing in grace and knowledge of Jesus. Start where you are. Ask the Spirit to teach you every time you meditate on this word. The bottom of the depths of God's knowledge has yet

⁸ 2 Peter. 1: 21.

⁹ Joel 2: 28-32, Acts 2: 17-21.

¹⁰ Ezekiel 36: 24-29, Jeremiah 31: 31-34.

¹¹ Galatians 5: 16-26.

¹² Philippians, 2: 13, Ephesians 2: 10.



to be found. So, if you came to faith in Jesus today or if you have walked with him for longer than me, there is more!

Let the Holy Spirit reveal something deeper about Jesus today.

Think about Luke 10: 38-42. What did the Spirit show you here? (Compare John 12: 1-3.): _____

Think about Psalm 119: 130:
