**The Bible: The Word of God** Alive Church 21 July 2019

No ordinary book. It has literally transformed history and continues to do so.

Gift of God provided by Him through people for all people, everywhere, for all ages, cultures, and nations.

It is “God breathed” i.e. inspired by God Himself, the Holy Spirit speaking to us through human authors. Therefore, it is TRUE, POWERFUL, and LIFE CHANGING. God literally speaks to us from the pages of the Bible if we will approach it prayerfully, carefully, and with open hearts.

When we come to Christ, we come to His Book. He Himself is the Word of God.

# John 1:1 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

God has given us three great revelations that speak to us about Him…Jesus, the Bible, and His creation.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

**16**All Scripture is [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Tim+3%3A16&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29870a)]inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Tim+3%3A16&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29870b)]training in righteousness; that the servant of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

It was written for all people and to all people, BUT, it is also personal. We need to read the Bible in faith and God will speak to us through it. Through the Bible we receive all we need to grow in our relationship with God and with others. Indeed, it is life to us.

# Philippians 2:16

**16**holding [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Philippians+2:16&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29408a)]fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

What does the Bible bring to us?

**LIGHT (TRUTH)**

# Psalm 36:9

**9**For with You is the fountain of life;
In Your light we see light.

# Psalm 43:3

**3**O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me;
Let them bring me to Your holy hill
And to Your dwelling places.

# Psalm 90:8

**8**You have placed our iniquities before You,
Our secret *sins* in the light of Your presence.

# Psalm 119:105

**105**Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

# Psalm 119:130

**130**The unfolding of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.

# Psalm 119:11

**11**Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.

**UNDERSTANDING**

# Psalm 119:130

**130**The unfolding of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.

# Psalm 119:169

**169**Let my cry [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+119:169&version=NASB#fen-NASB-16068a)]come before You, O Lord;
Give me understanding according to Your word.

# Proverbs 9:10

**10**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

# 1 John 5:20

**20**And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

**SPIRITUAL FOOD**

# 1 Corinthians 3:2

**2**I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,

# Hebrews 5:14

**14**But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

The words of the Bible have POWER to:

**Cleanse us**

# 1 John 1:7

**7**but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**Mature us and make us more and more like Jesus**

# Ephesians 4:15

**15**but [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4:15&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29288a)]speaking the truth in love, [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4:15&version=NASB#fen-NASB-29288b)]we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ,

# 2 Corinthians 4:16

**16**Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

# Ephesians 3:16

**16**that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

**Overcome Temptation and the Enemy**

# 1 John 5:5

**5**Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

# 1 Corinthians 10:13

**13**No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

# James 4:7

**7**Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

# Ephesians 6:13, 17

**13**Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. **17**And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.