

How can we be certain of God's authority and power behind Scripture? Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

Ps 19:7: "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple."

Ps 119:142: "Your righteousness *is* an everlasting righteousness, and Your law *is* truth."

Ps 119:151: "You *are* near, O LORD, and all Your commandments *are* truth."

What did Jesus declare on the authority of God's Word?

John 17:17: "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth."

Prophecies in the Old Testament about a coming Savior came to pass with Jesus, as He declared with authority the following:

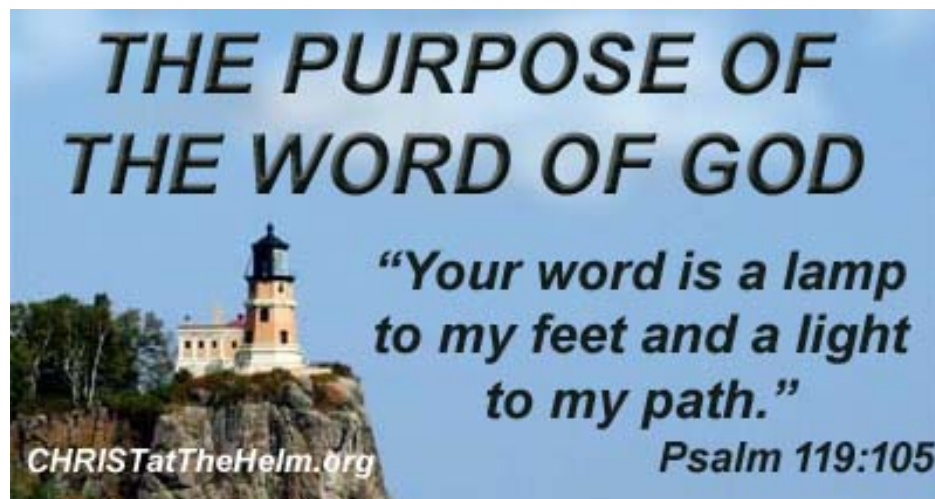
John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 8:12: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Paul in 1Thess 2:13 added, "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe."

Is the Word of God the anchor and authority of our faith?

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What is the core purpose of Scripture for mankind?

Joshua 1:8: “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Rom 15:4: “For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”

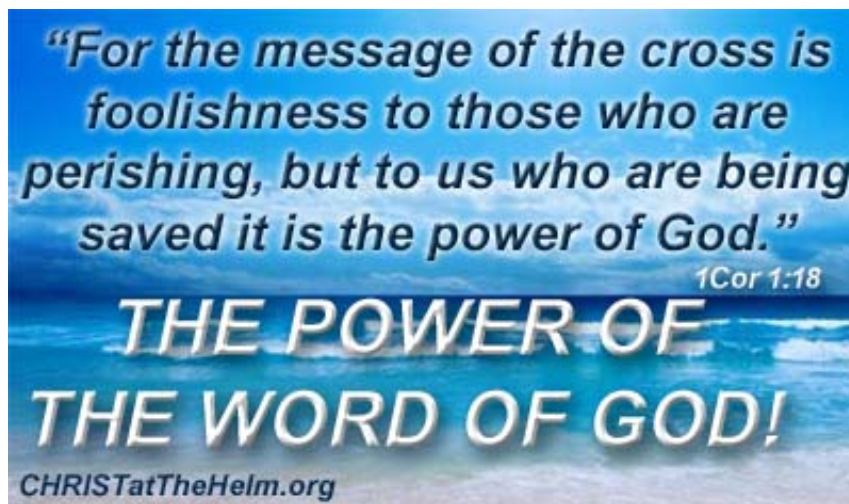
John 5:24: “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My Word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”

2Tim 3:16-17: “All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2Cor 10:4-5: “For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

How dedicated are we to study the Word of God, to bring our thoughts into captivity to the obedience to Christ?

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How powerful is the Word of God in the life of a believer?

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."

Rom 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."

1Peter 1:24-25: "All flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the Word of the LORD endures forever."

Ps 19:7-9: "The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD *is* pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD *is* clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD *are* true *and* righteous altogether."

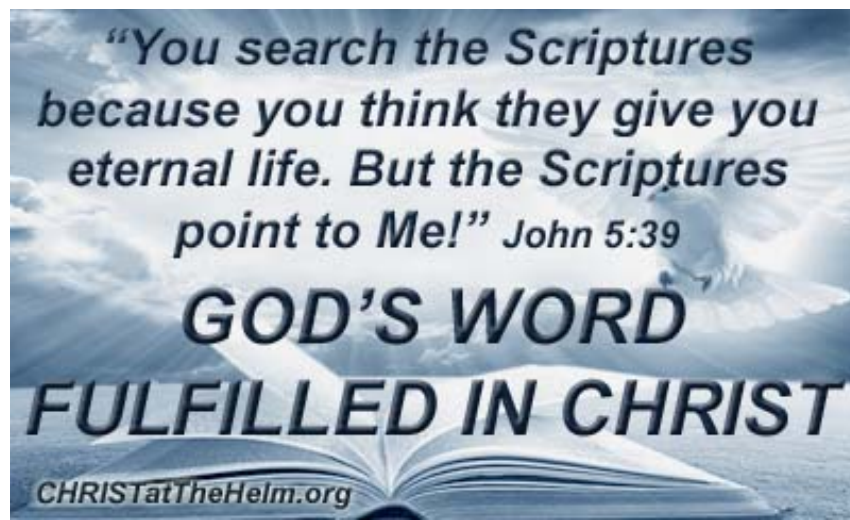
Here's what Jesus said in John 15:7: "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Why is it so?

Rom 10:17: "So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

How strong is our faith in Christ, and how powerfully does God's Word impact our life?

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How does Scripture testify that Christ is the fulfillment of prophecies of the Old Testament?

Mat 5:17-18: "Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke of a letter shall pass from the Law, until all is accomplished!"

John 1:1-3: "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."

John 1:14: "And 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."

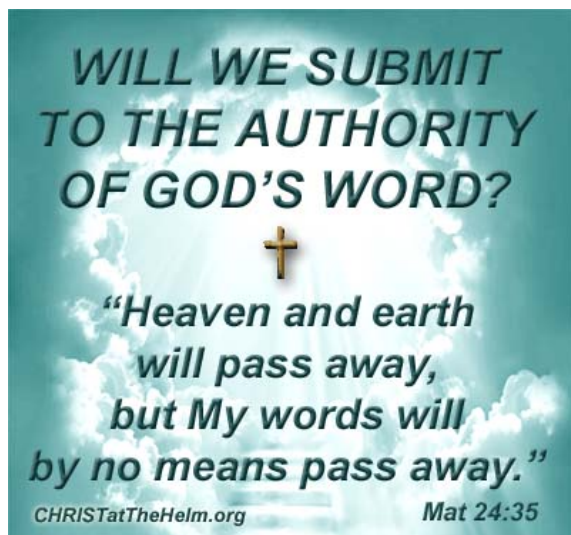
Heb 1:1-2: "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."

Finally, in Rev 1:18 Christ declared: "I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

How surrendered are we to Christ so His Word bring the fulfillment of God's plan for our life?

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How faithful to God's Word must we be as true believers in Christ?

2John 9: "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son."

John 12:28: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the Word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

James 1:22: "But prove yourselves doers of the Word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves."

What about teachers of the Word?

2Tim 2:15: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Pro 30:5-6: "Every Word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him. Do not add to His words, Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar."

Deut 4:2: "You shall not add to the Word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

1Peter 4:11: "If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

Will we live by God's Word to follow Christ?

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