

How does the Bible define the source and purpose of the Word of God? John 1:1-4: "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. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

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."

The reason Jesus said:

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."

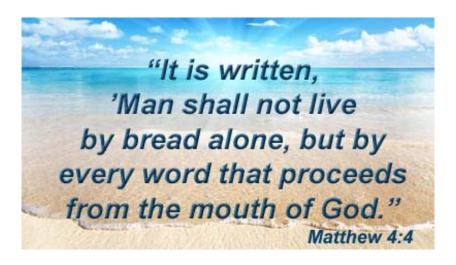
John 6:63: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

To this, the apostle Paul explained:

Hebrews 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."

Romans 11:36: "For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom be glory forever."

Do I understand that Christ is the Word of God, the One the Father sent so we may pass from death to eternal life?



How clearly are we enjoined to study and abide by the Word of God? 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."

Proverbs 4:20-21: "My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart."

What's more?

2Timothy 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."

Colossians 3:23-24: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

The reason Jesus clearly said:

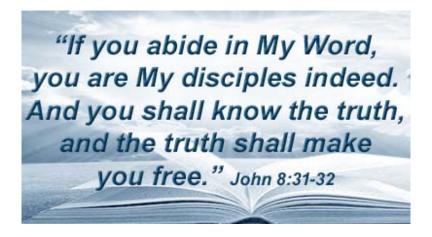
John 15:4: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

Matthew 24:35: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

Therefore:

Ephesians 6:17: "Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

Do I understand the importance and necessity to be indwelled by the Word of God, so that I truly follow Christ into eternal life?



What is the purpose of the Word of God for our lives?

Psalm 119:105 says: "Your word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:130: "The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

The reason why:

2Timothy 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."

Romans 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."

Proverbs 2:6: For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding."

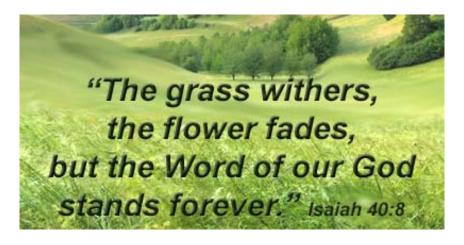
What's more?

1Thessalonians 2:13: "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."

Therefore:

Psalm 119:11: "Your Word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

Is the Word of God my anchor for truth, so I truly live to follow Christ?



How powerful is the Word of God to guide and strengthen us to follow Christ from the heart?

Hebrews 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."

Isaiah 55:11: "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it."

Psalm 12:6: "The words of the LORD *are* pure words, *like* silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

Psalm 119:160: "The entirety of Your word *is* truth, and every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever."

What's more?

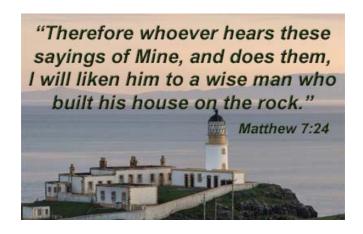
1Peter 1:23: "Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever." 1Peter 1:25: "The word of the LORD endures forever."

1Corinthians 1:18: "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

The reason Jesus said:

Mark 13:31: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

Do I embrace the Word of God in my heart, to lead me to follow Christ?



How does faith in Christ and abiding in His Word equip and stregthen a believer?

Romans 10:17: "Faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Proverbs 30:5: "Every word of God *is* pure; He *is* a shield to those who put their trust in Him."

Psalm 119:130: "The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

Psalm 18:30: "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him."

What's more?

Jeremiah 15:16: "Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts."

Therefore:

Psalm 119:1-2: "Blessed *are* the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!"

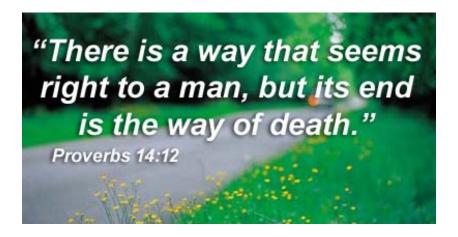
Romans 10:11: "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

The reason Jesus declared:

John 7:38: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

Luke 11:28: "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Do I live by the Word of God so I am equipped and strengthened to abide in Christ, so that Christ abides in me?



Are there warnings that the Word of God gives us against being deceived?

Ephesians 5:6-8: "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

1John 4:1: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

In Jesus' own words:

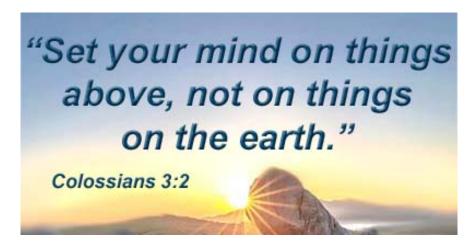
John 12:48: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."

John 15:6: "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned."

Revelation 22:12-13: "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last." What's more?

1Thessalonians 5:2: "For you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

Do I understand the seriousness of living to abide in Christ?



How must we live to truly abide in Christ in this life and for eternity? Romans 12:2: "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."

Colossians 2:6: "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him."

1Peter 2:1-2: "Laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby."

The proof of true belief in Christ being:

Galatians 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Why?

2Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

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

Therefore:

Psalm 139:23-24: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

Do I wholeheartedly follow and abide in Christ, or am I rather in bed with the world?