

Jesus declared that He is the Word of God. In other words, He came to proclaim God's will, His commandments, and as well lead us into the path to eternal life in His kingdom.

Here are His words:

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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

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."

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

The apostle John stated:

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."

Even before Christ came to us, the prophet Isaiah speaking for God said:

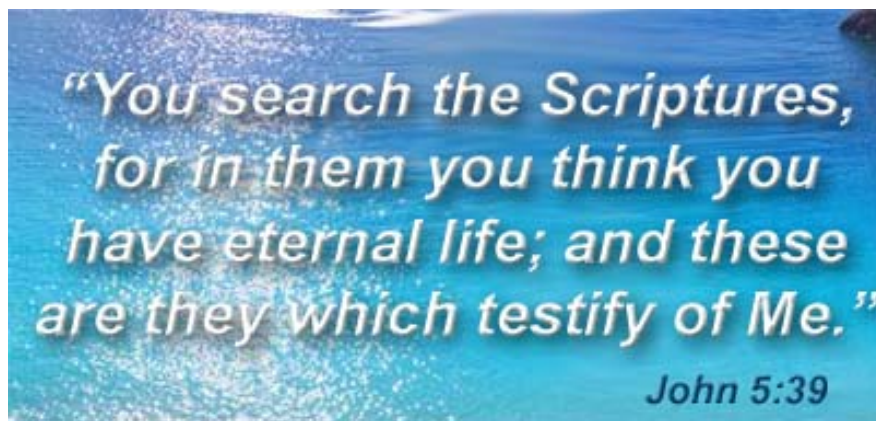
Isaiah 40:8: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

Finally:

Revelation 1:8 declares: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the* Beginning and *the* End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Do I rely on the Word of God as my only true and reliable source of knowledge?

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What is the purpose for knowing and understanding what the Word of God says?

Matthew 4:4: "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth 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."

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

Psalms 119:105: "Your Word *is* a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

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

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."

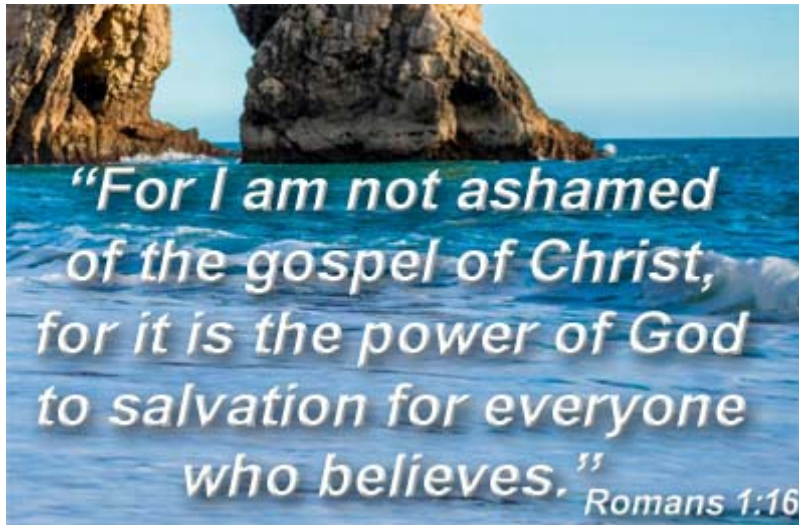
What's more?

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

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."

Do I understand the utmost importance of studying to know the Word of God, so I live to truly follow Christ?

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Is there lasting power in knowing and living by the Word of God?

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

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

1Peter 1:23-25: "Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever, because "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."

Why?

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."

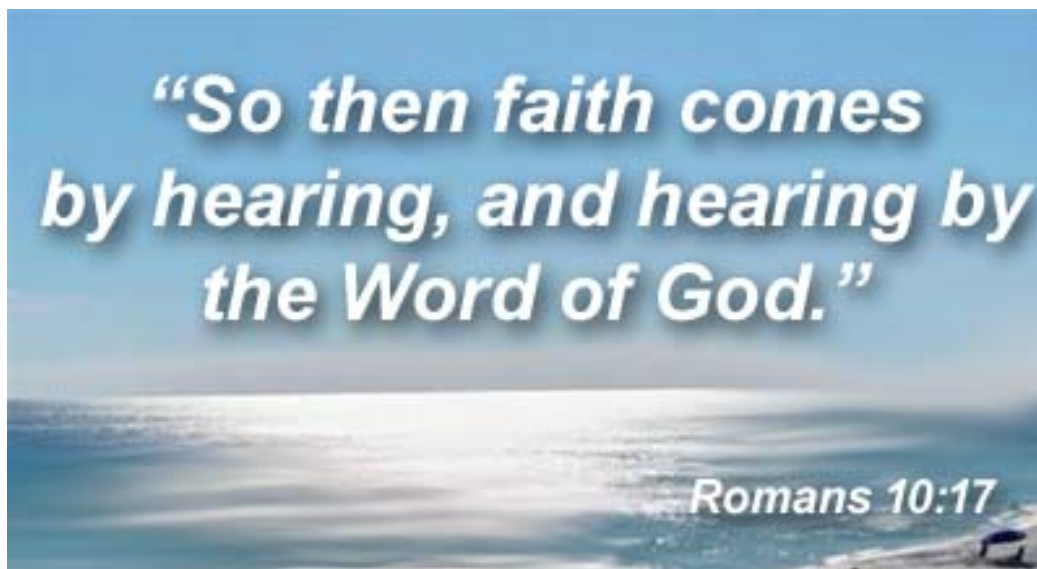
John 6:63: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

Therefore:

Matthew 7:24: "Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock"

How dedicated am I to study His Word, so I allow the power of God to work in my life, and live to follow Christ?

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What does the bible teach us on the importance of studying the Word of God?

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 2:1-6: "My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, *and* apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, *and* lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, and search for her as *for* hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding."

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

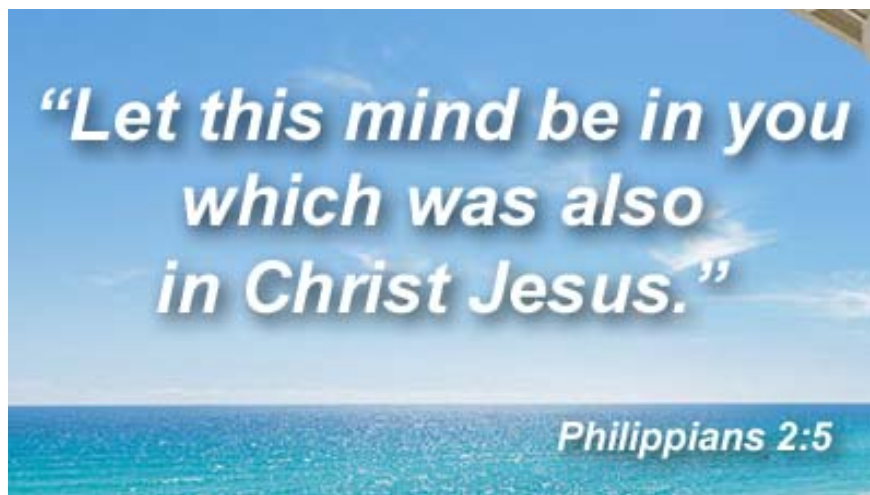
Therefore:

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."

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."

Do I understand that faith comes by the study and knowledge of the Word of God?

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Beside learning and studying the Word of God, what more must we do to grow as true disciples of Christ?

Psalm 1:1-2: "Blessed *is* the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight *is* in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper."

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

Colossians 3:16: "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

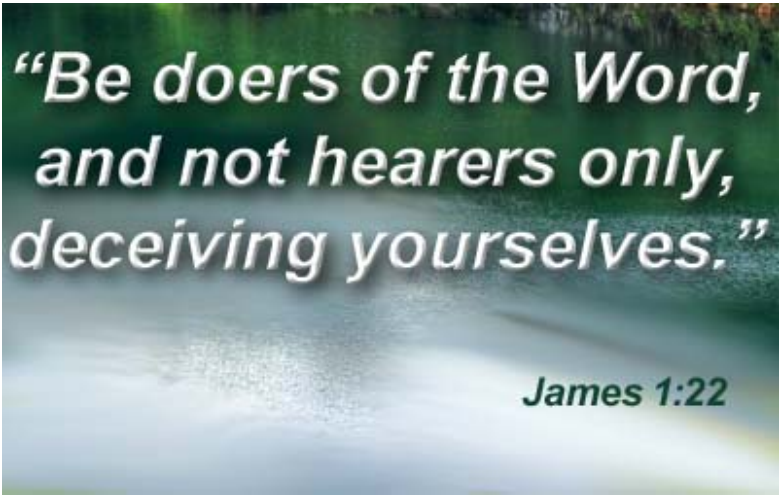
Philippians 4:8: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

The reason Jesus said:

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

Is God's Word ever present in my heart, so as to allow the mind of Christ to dwell richly in me?

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*“Be doers of the Word,
and not hearers only,
deceiving yourselves.”*

James 1:22

Indeed, to truly believe in Christ requires we abide by His Word from the heart and without hypocrisy.

How does scripture teach us that?

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.”

Philippians 2:14-16: “Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault... holding fast the Word of life”

James 4:8: “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”

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.”

Why?

Galatians 5:24: “Those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

John 8:31-32: “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Therefore:

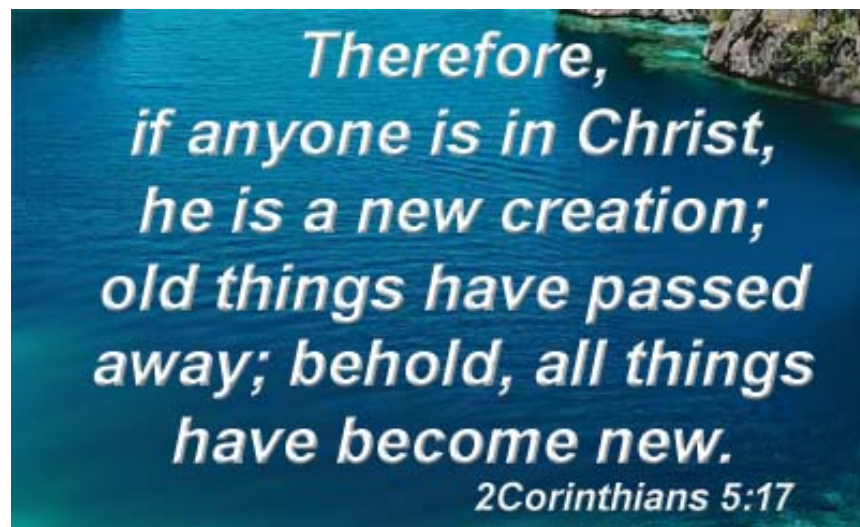
Luke 11:28: “Blessed *are* those who hear the Word of God and keep it!”

Matthew 7:24: “Whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

Is my heart set on living in obedience to the Word of God?

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It's one thing to say we believe in Christ. However, how should a true believer live in accordance to the faith?

Romans 6:4-5: "Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection"

Hebrews 6:1: "Therefore, let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God."

Why?

Romans 8:11: "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

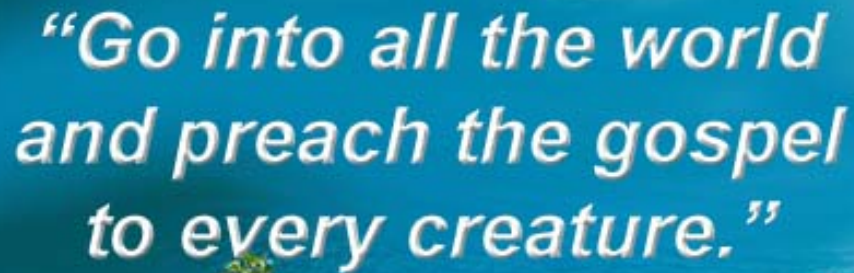
1John 2:16: "For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but is of the world."

The reason Jesus warned us:

Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."

Does my daily life testify to my confession of faith so I live to follow Christ?

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*“Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to every creature.”*

Mark 16:15

As believers and followers of Christ, we all have been given the mission to be His witnesses to the world around us.

Why?

Mark 5:14-16: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. Let your light so shine before men.”

1Peter 2:9: “You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Romans 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.”

How is that achieved?

Acts 1:8: “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

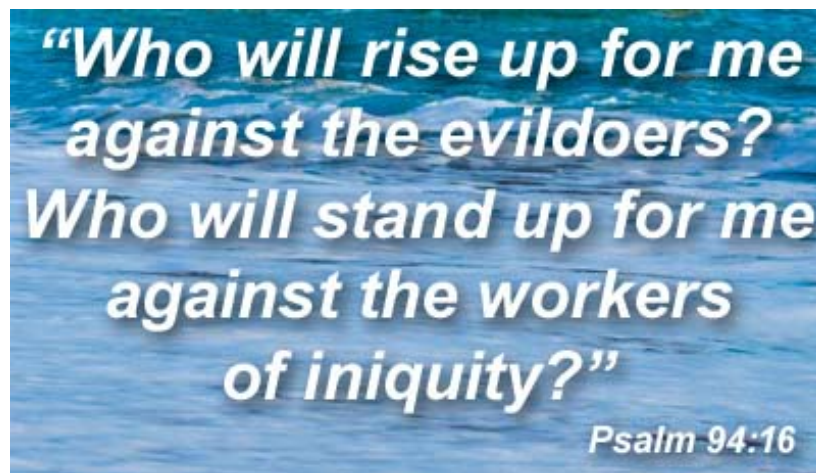
Matthew 28:19: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Therefore :

John 15:8: “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

When’s the last time I shared my faith, and witnessed for Christ as His disciple to the lost?

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Have we ever been rejected by people and even family members, for sharing our faith and living as followers of Christ?

What does the Word of God teach us on this?

1Peter 3:15: “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

2Timothy 1:8: “Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.”

2Timothy 4:2: “Preach the Word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

Why?

1Peter 4:14: “If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”

Therefore:

1Corinthians 15:58: “My beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

Ephesians 6:11: “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”

1Corinthians 16:13: “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.”

Am I committed to stand firm for Christ through all circumstances of life?

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