

The Word . . . The Word . . . The Word. . . Zanga Schutte, March 30, 2025

Why The Word?? The Word of God has the power to transform our lives and change our hearts. It convicts us of our sins, reveals our true selves, and empowers us to live a life of righteousness.

What does The Word mean to us?? The purpose of God's Word is to reveal the life offered to us in Christ. It's sometimes called God's love letter to us, pointing us to God's love demonstrated by Jesus Christ on the cross. His death and resurrection provide our salvation from sin in this life and the assurance of eternal life for all who believe.

What does it mean, being in The Word?? To live by the word of God. To make his teachings the foundation of our life, Seeking to understand and apply them in all areas of our existence, through prayer, scripture reading, and obedience.

I pray that after this sermon we will have a better understanding of Da Word!!

Being in the Word or Abiding in the Word 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Notes: Being In The Word Means to live according to God's Word, Obeying its principles and making them, A foundation for one's life, actions, and decisions . Being in the word is about more than just reading or memorizing scripture; it's about actively applying the teachings of the Bible to our daily life.

Who is The Word? John 1:1-4 NIV ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The Word Became Flesh: John 1:14 NIV The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Receiving The Word: Revelation 3:20 KJV Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Notes: Jesus knocks at the door of our hearts because he wants to save us and have fellowship with us. He patiently and persistently waits to get through to us – not breaking and entering, but knocking. He allows us to decide whether to open our lives to him and welcome him in. Do we intentionally keep his life-changing presence and power on the other side of the door? We feel self-satisfied, but we don't have Christ's presence among us. Christ knocked at the door of our hearts, but we are so busy enjoying worldly pleasures that we don't notice that he was trying to enter. -The pleasures of this world – money, security, material possessions – can be dangerous, because their temporary satisfaction can make us indifferent to God's offer of lasting satisfaction. If we find ourselves feeling indifferent to church, to God, or to the Bible, we have begun to shut God out of our life. Leave the door of our heart constantly open to God, and we won't need to worry about hearing his knock. Letting him in will bring us lasting fulfillment.

Pay Attention To The Word: Proverbs 22:17-18 NIV ¹⁷ Pay attention and turn your ear to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what I teach, ¹⁸ for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips.

Notes: Regularly spending time in the word helps believers grow closer to God, _Deepen our understanding of faith, And be empowered to live according to what the Word says. **How do we do this:** Daily reading, Studying Da Word, Meditating on Da Word, _And praying Da Word. **Benefits:** Being in the word daily can lead to a deeper understanding of God's character and teachings, as well as a stronger relationship with Him

God's Word: Psalm 18:30 AMPC As for God, His way is perfect! The word of the Lord is tested and tried; He is a shield to all those who take refuge and put their trust in Him.

Proverbs 30:5 KJV Every word of God is pure; He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.

He Is Our Guide: Psalm 119:105 KJV Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Notes: The Bible (Da Word) is our light to show us the way ahead so we won't stumble as we walk. It reveals the entangling roots of false values and philosophies. We need a light to reach our desired destination. Study the Bible so we will be able to see our way clearly enough to stay on the right path.

Warning: Proverbs 19:27 NIV Stop listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.

Closing: What Do We Do Now? Psalm 119:15-16 NIV ¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. ¹⁶ I delight in your decrees; **I will not neglect your word.**

God says in, Luke 1:37 NIV For no word from God will ever fail.

Amen and Amen