



THE WORD OF GOD WORKS

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The Bible says that the Word of God works effectively in us who believe.

Paul the apostle was very thankful that the Christians in Thessalonica believed this. He wrote, "To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake. "And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come." (1 Thessalonians 1-1:13.)

Paul is making it clear that he rejoiced because these people welcomed the Word of God, not as the word of men but the word which effectively works in those who believe. The vital word here is "believe". Believe in the scriptural sense means cling to, trust and obey.

Have you ever thought about the Word of God actually working in you?

If we want the Word to work in us we must cling to, trust and obey Jesus thereby believing the Word.

We remember that the worlds were created when God spoke. The actual words He spoke created something out of nothing. The Word of God worked to do so.

"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." (Hebrews 11:3.)

Our own natural words can be powerful. We can damage a person with strong criticism or encourage them with helpful words.

How much more the Word of God can do.

Hebrews 4:12 says that, "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 joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

When we become born-again, then we enter the kingdom of God and our spiritual eyes are opened. Before I was born-again, I tried many times to read the Bible and understand it, but I found there was a constant blockage.

The moment I gave my life to Christ a whole shadow lifted from my mind and the Word became living and powerful in my life. I wanted to tell others of the reality of God. Within a week of being born-again, I had a witness to start a prayer meeting in our home and over the next eight years many thousands came to those meetings to be saved, set free and delivered.

It was the Word of God working effectively in us. We realised that we had been in chains of sin but now we were set free and felt a great passion to spread the Word of God. This never ceased.

Our belief in the Word was a result of our being born-again and filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues. This made all the difference.

When we speak the Word of God with faith in our heart, and the demon powers know it, they flee. The Word of God heals, delivers and sets the captives free.

In the Word of God, in Psalm 91, we are told that when we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, we shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Many times I have had to come before God, humbling myself and coming under the shadow of His wings. I have found that His truth is my shield and buckler. (Psalm 91:4-5.). I have received healing as I have done so.

When the ground of our heart is open to the Word of God, then the Bible says that His Word will never return empty. In other words as we submit to God, believing absolutely in His love and power as well as obeying Him, then the Word of God works effectively in us.

It is that simple child-like belief in the Word that Jesus referred to which can change our life. As I have said already we need to cling to, trust and obey Jesus.

"Assuredly I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you shall by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-5.)

It is that child-like faith that makes the Word of God work effectively in our lives.

When I pray for the sick I find that it is those who have a child-like faith and belief in the Word, without question, are the ones who get regularly healed.

I would strongly urge you to learn by heart Isaiah 53:4-5 which describes our healing at the cross.

"Surely He has borne our griefs,
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed."

Also Revelation 12:11 which says,

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

Use these Scriptures when you are praying for the sick, or for yourself.

Remember we overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

Jesus is Lord!

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