

### Liberty Church Values: 3. God's Word Transforms

We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation. That ALL scripture is God breathed, given by inspiration of The Holy Spirit and is profitable for conformity to God's will and purpose in every area of our lives. We believe that true transformation only comes by the renewing of the mind, the implanting of God's word into our hearts and the exercising of our faith in God's word through our own words and deeds. We are dedicated to helping every believer grow in their knowledge of God's word by learning how to study, meditate upon, teach and live according to God's word, by providing adequate, available resources and opportunities to grow and develop both in gift and character and applying what is learnt through selflessness, servanthood and generosity of spirit.

#### The Gospel

The Gospel is more than just a sermon on the events that run up to and including the death and resurrection of Jesus. The gospel means GOOD NEWS. Good news that spans across eternity itself. From the very existence of our Heavenly creator, the plan of salvation was conceived before the foundation of the earth itself. the actual creation of all things by the Supreme God almighty, the history of the initial blessing of God pronounced over Adam and Eve, the subsequent fall of mankind and the entrance of the power and law of sin and death introduced into the world by satan himself. The prophecy of one who would come and destroy satan's hold over man. The Millenia of mans battle with sin and satan up to the fulfilment of that prophecy in the form of Jesus's birth. The revealing of the very nature, character of God and His heart for humanity through the word and works of the saviour of the world as He walked on earth.

The buying of mankind back from the grip of the devil by Jesus, through paying the ultimate price in taking upon Himself the full weight of Gods wrath and punishment that was due us. Righteously and justifiably poured out because of our evil and corrupted human nature manifested in the whole of mankind's sinful works. Then Jesus, being sinless and pure, death not able to hold him prisoner, rose from the dead, victorious and glorious, rising as one who would reign supreme over all of the heavens and earth.

He is the first born of a new species of humankind and opening the way for anyone and everyone to break free from satan's grip and the kingdom of darkness and join Jesus, receive His blessing of a divine nature, power and authority, through new spiritual birth and walk with Jesus for ever in His kingdom of light and love. In other words, its the whole of the word of God, that makes up the entirety of the gospel message

Romans 1: 16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."



## Study points:

- 1/. Words of value no 3 explained.
- 2/. The Word being used to create or bring about transformation from genesis to revelation.
- 3/. How we are transformed by the Word.
- 4/. The ultimate Goal of the word.
- 5/. List of scriptures regarding the benefits the Word brings into our lives.

### 1/. Words of value no 3 explained.

- Transforms.

Romans 12:2 And 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.

**Transformed. = Metamorphosis.** To transform into something more beautiful or elevated. Gods goal for humanity is transformation into the image of Christ.

Transformation through the "Word".

**Word.** Appears in scripture under two different greek words, Logos and Rhema. Both actually mean the same thing, a spoken or uttered word. However, logos is used from a more logical based approach and includes a sense of someone reasoning about a matter, by presenting its thought using facts and evidence, where as Rhema is generally more associated with a spiritually direct or now moment of utterance given to the human spirit. This is not really something to be debated about here as there is no real conclusion to be had. But both are God inspired and contain the life transforming power of God.

**Note :** Both will always compliment each other and neither will contradict the written word.

- Gods Word. Nobody else's.

Mankind can be affected by many different vehicles ( including church ministers ), philosophy, religion, global events, environment, circumstances or experiences etc. However, there is no other way to produce the spiritual transformation required by God, that is to be transformed into the image of Christ, other than by the Word of God. For God alone is the source of all true spiritual life. The word can come to us in many forms as it speaks to the individual in a way that God decides. As in through creation, He can speak through events, through pictures, through music, etc, but His first and most important choice of vehicle comes through Jesus Himself, the logos and the Rhema, i.e. the written word, then through His body the church.



- Transformation by the “renewing of the mind.”

The mind is the organ of thought, reason and logic.

Only when the mind is in line with the thought, reason and logic of the Logos, i.e. Gods word, will any transformation be inwardly achieved and outwardly visible.

## **2/. The Word being used to create or bring about transformation from genesis to revelation.**

- Genesis in creation.

Genesis 1:1-3 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light.

- The prophetic : He Sent his word and healed them.

Isaiah 53:5 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.

Psalms 107:20. He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

Walked in by Jesus.

Matthew 8:8 The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.

- The words position and part in Creation.

John 1:1-3. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

All things, everything that exists was made through and by the word, Jesus.

- The word revealed.

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.

Jesus. The embodiment of the word. Gods will, heart desire, intent, motive, everything about who He is, nature , character and will, given to us and revealed to us in human form.

- Jesus teaches on the power of the spoken faith filled word.

Mark 11:23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.



- We are justified or condemned by our words.

Matthew 12:37 For by your words ( logos ) you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

- We are saved by the word.

Romans 10:8-10 But what does it say? "The word ( **Rhema** ) is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and **with the mouth confession is made** unto salvation.

Book of Revelation He is the final word.

Revelation 19:12-13. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

### 3/. How we are transformed by the Word.

- The power is in the seed.

Mark 4:26-28 And He said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground, 27 and should sleep by night and rise by day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he himself does not know how. 28 For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.

- The seed needs soil.

Romans 12:2 And 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.

The mind is the top soil of our garden in which the seed is sown, with the intent for it to take root in our hearts. We need to have our minds renewed.

- Meditate day and night.

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.

Meditate: To mutter to oneself, revolve around in the mind and consider. This Includes the use of both thought and speech.

- Confess them.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and **with the mouth confession is made** unto salvation.

2 Corinthians 4:13 And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak,



- The Fruit of the lips.

Proverbs 18:20 A man's stomach shall be satisfied from the **fruit of his mouth**; From the **produce of his lips** he shall be filled.

The stomach. The belly or womb. What we speak out will have an effect on our innermost being.

- Submission to the word.

Colossians 3:16. Let the word ( **logos** ) of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Let : Meaning, to dwell. The word : logos.

James 1:21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 4:7 Therefore **submit to God**. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- Do the Word.

James 1:22 But be doers **of the word**, and not **hearers only**, deceiving yourselves.

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

#### 4/. The ultimate Goal of the word.

- To become flesh in the form of Jesus.

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.

- To become flesh in us.

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.

- To transform us into the image of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But **we** all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

- To bring the demonstration and reality of the power and Glory of the kingdom of God here on earth, in us and through us.

John 14:12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me**, the works that I **do he will do** also; and greater *works* than these **he will do**, because I go to My Father.



I John 5:7 "For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one."

The father, the word and the Spirit are one. You can not separate the three from each other. They will all compliment and agree with each other.

The Heavenly father is the source of the word (the bible). The word (the bible) is the revealed will of the father and the Holy Spirits guide. The Holy Spirit is the one who makes the will of the Father and the word come into existence. This is what The Holy Spirit does in our lives.

## **5/. List of scriptures regarding the benefits the Word brings into our lives.**

Not exhaustive.

The word is a seed that grows into fruit bearing trees. [Luke 8:11](#).

The word is a light that guides. [Psalm 119: 105 ;133-133](#).

The word is truth. [Psalm 119:160](#).

The word brings health and prosperity. [Proverbs 3](#)

The word has been magnified above His own name. [Psalm 138:2](#)

The word makes us clean and Holy. [1 Timothy 4:5](#) [John 17:17](#). [Ephesians 5:26](#).

The word is a sword. [Ephesians 6:17](#)

The word is a weapon. [2 Corinthians 10:3-6](#)

The word is a shield and hiding place. [Psalm 119:114](#)

The word produces faith. [Romans 10:27](#)

The word is eternal. [Psalm 119:89](#)

The word is incorruptible. [1 Peter 1:23](#)

The word is a source of joy and rejoicing. [Jeremiah 15:16](#)

The word upholds [Job 4:4](#).

The word revives [Psalm 119:25](#)

The word never returns void, it will always accomplish what it says. [Isaiah 55 : 11](#)

The word can not be chained. [2 Timothy 2:9](#)

The word strengthens [Psalm 119:28](#)

The word protects from sin [Psalm 119:11](#)

The word heals, delivers, restores and strengthens the soul. [James 1:21](#).

