



“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”
-The Apostle Peter to Jesus in John 6:68-69

The Word Is...

(v. 23a-b)

Since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but imperishable...

“Born again” means to be born again from above (heaven) and is a new, supernatural birth that leads us to faith in Jesus by making us a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17; 1 Jn. 5:1).

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. God chose to give us birth through the word of truth...” - James 1:17-18

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
-Romans 10:17

The word is “imperishable seed” meaning it is an uncorrupted word which gives eternal life out of eternal death as “the seed is the Word of God” (Lk. 8:11).

(v. 23c-d)

through the living and abiding Word of God...

The word of God reflects the nature of its author and therefore you cannot separate the Word of God from the God of the Word.

“Abiding” means to stay in place, to endure, to persist; both God’s counsel and covenant will abide forever (Is. 14:24 40:8; 2 Cor. 3:11; Rms. 9:11).

The “Word” reflects the nature of its Author as God’s counsel abides forever (Is. 14:24; 40:8; Rms. 9:11), his covenant endures (2 Cor. 3:11), and Jesus, as God’s Son, will abide forever (Jn. 12:34)

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”-Isaiah 55:10-11

The same “word of God” which saves you is the same “living and abiding Word” which continues to sanctify you as you “hold firmly to the word of life” which resides within you (Phil. 2:16).

“Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth.”-Jesus in John 17:17

(v. 24-25b)

for all flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever...

Humanity’s “glory” will fade as you “are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes” (Jms. 4:14).

“Forever” (lit. into the eons) means the Word of God will “remain” into eternity sustaining our eternal life.

“Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.”
- Jesus in Matthew 24:35 & Mark 13:31

(v. 25c-e)

and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

“This Word” is reference to the “good news” message of the Gospel which was implanted as imperishable seed within our hearts (Jms. 1:21).

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?...So faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.”-Romans 10:17

How to Prepare Your Life for the Life of the Word-

1) Before the Preaching of the Word

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____

2) During the Preaching of the Word

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____

3) After the Preaching of the Word

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____