THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD**THE TRUTH **THE GOSPEL.

Heb 4,12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, pierceing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and Spirit, and the joints and the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.--Jeremiah 23,29 Is not my word like a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Rev.19,11-21 Christ is described as making war with His enemies, V15 Out of His mouth goeth a sharp two edged sword, that with it He should smite the nations--V22 And the remnant were slain with the sword of Him of Him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of His mouth, In Eph.6,10-16 Paul instructing us to be prepared to fight the good fight of faith V 17 And take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God Mt,8,16 And when the even was come, they brought unto Him many that were possessed with devils, and He cast out the spirits with His word, and healed all that were sick. 2 Pe.3,5 Peter informs us, For this they are willingly ~~are~~ ignorant of, That by the word of God the heavens were of old--V7 But the heavens and the ~~ear~~ earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of Jugment and perdition of unGodly men.

Gen.Chapters 1,and 3 records the creation of the world and all that is in it.--John beginning his Gospel. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. 4 In Him was Life, and ~~His~~ the Life was the light of the world V 14 And the word was made 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. Now let us read Col. 1-19 V ~~1~~ 12 Giving ~~thanks~~ unto the Father ~~of~~ which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of Sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature: 16 For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. 18 And He is the Head of the body, the Church: who is the beginning, the first born from the dead; that in all things He might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in Him should all the fullness dwell.

Also Read 1 Jn.1,1-2, These references should be sufficient to convince us Of the Power and authority of the Word Of God -the truth, the Gospel.

In Ro.1,16 Paul reveals. For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, For it is the POWER OF GOD unto salvation to every one that believeth; to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek, 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed, from faith to faith: as it is written, The Just shall live by Faith.

Heb.11,1 Now faith ~~cometh by hearing~~ is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the Elders obtained a good report. 3 For through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God.--V 6 But without faith it is impossible to please God: For He that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.--God's Word produces Faith. Ro.10,17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Jn,6,44 Jesus Said, No man can come unto me, except the Father which sent me, draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day, 45 As it is written in the prophets, they shall all be taught of God, Every man therefore that hath heard and learned of the Father, cometh unto me.--So it is necessary to hear of the facts and promises of God. And John ending His Gospel, Jn.20, 30-31 Tells us that He wrote for the purpose of induceing us to believe in Christ and be saved. And many other signs did Jesus in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believeing ye might have life in His name. Ro.10,9-10 V 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, ~~R~~ and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; V 9 That if thou shalt confess the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.--We not only must we believe in Christ but we must Confess that we believe, as the Eunuch in Ac.8,26-40 when Philip Preached Christ to Him, and as they went on their way, they came to a certain water V 36 And the Eunuch said, See here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 37 And Philip said if thou believest, thou mayest. And he said I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And Philip baptized Him.--He not only believed what Philip preached to him (Christ), but confessed that he believed it, Why did he wish to be baptized? Because Just before He ascended, Christ Commanded his disciples to Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Let us now turn to Page 2.

Page 2 Ro.1,16 Paul declares,I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ For it is the power of God unto salvation.To every one that believeth. Jn.6,63 Jesus says,It is the Spirit that quickeneth;the flesh profiteth nothing,the words thst I speak unto you,they are Spirit,and they are Life. Paul writing to the Ephesians Chap.2,1 You hath He quickened,who were dead in trespasses and sin.Wherein time past ye walked according to the course of this world,according to the prince of the power of the air,the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.V 13 But now in Christ Jesus,Ye who were sometimes afar off,are made nigh by the blood of Christ.For He is our Peace.-V 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,but fellowcitizens with the saints,and of the household of God.

The word of God Sanctifies,Cleanses,purifies and saves When we believe the Gospel,and render obedience to it,As Paul reminds the Corinthians 1 Cor.15,1-4 Moreover brethren I declare unto you the Gospel,which I preached unto you,which also ye received,and wherein ye stand ;by which also ye are saved,if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you,unless ye have believed in vain.3 For i delivered unto you first of all that which I also received,how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, 4 And that He was buried,and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.--He preched to them the Gospel,they received it ,stood in it and were saved by it.--If they keep it in memory,and we are to do the same.Be thou faithful unto death,and I will give you the crown of Life that fadeth not away,Rev.2-10.

Sanctifies.Jesus praying for His disciples,Sanctify them through thy truth,thy word is truth,Ac.20,32 And now brethren I commend you to God, and to the word of His Grace,which is able to build you up,and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.Back to Jn.17,19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself,that they may be sanctified through the truth.1 Ths.2,13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you brethren beloved of the Lord,because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification and belief of the truth.--Paul Comparing the relationship of husband and wife to the Church and Christ Eph.5,25 Husbands love your wives as Christ also loved the Church,and gave himself for it ;26 That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word;27 That He might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot,or wrinkle or any such thing;but that it should be Holy and without blemish.--We are purified,cleansed,and saved by obedience to the word,the truth1 Pe.1,22Seeing ye have purified your souls by obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren,see that ye love one another fervently with a pure heart.23 Being born again not of corruptible seed,but of incorruptible,by the word of God,which liveth and abideth forever.24 For all flesh is as grass,and all the glory of man as the flower of grass,the flower withereth,and the flower thereof falleth away:25 But the word of the Lord endureth forever.And this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.Ro.6,17 God be thanked ye were the servants of Sin,but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine,being then made free from sin,ye became servants of righteousness.

They obeyed the form of doctrine mentioned in the first part of Ro.1, 3,4,5 Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?Therefore were are buried with Him by baptism into death,that as Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory even we also should walk in newness of Life.5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death,we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.--He was raised to walk a new Life as Head of the church.Sat on the right hand of God,angels principalities made subject to Him,King of Kings,and Lord of Lords.When we are Baptized for the remission of our sins,we are buried and raised again in water,Born of water(CAME OUT and the SpiritJn3,5-8.These are the first things mentioned that we do wit Christ,Baptized into Christ,into His death,then raised to walk a new life Is there any other way to get into Christ except to be Baptized into Him? 2 Cor.5,17 If a man be in Christ He is a new creature,old things have passed away;behold all things are become new.Gal.3,27 ¶ 26 For ye are all th children of God by faith inChrist Jesus.27 For as many of you ashave been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.Col.2,12 Buried with Him in baptism,wherein ye are als risn with him through the faith of the operation of God,who hath raised Him from the dead.When we do this we have fulfilled the requirements of the Lord Mk 16,15-20 Go ye therefore and preach the gospel to every creature,he that believeth and is Baptized shall be saved.Mt.28,19 Go ye and teach all nations,baptizeing them in the name of the name of the Father,and of the Son,and of The Holy Ghost.and Lo I am with you even unto the end of the world.

The Father

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On pages 1-2 we dealt with the power of the word mostly, in saving our souls. Now let us study the need of remaining saved. Some teach ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED. 2 Pe.3,17 Mentioning in V 16 some who wrest the scriptures to their own destruction.-Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led away by the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. 18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord ans Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be Glory forever. These two versesreveal to us, to Beware lest we fall, but also the necessity of growing in Grace and Knowledge. 1 Pe.2-1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile and hypocricies, and envyings, and evil speakings; 2 As new born babes, desire the singere milk of the word, that ye may grow there by. And Paul exhorts Timothy 2 Tim.2,15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING the word of truth, Study, and rightly divide, (Handle aright the word of truth) Not wrest, nor pervert, Rev.22,18-19 Neither add to, or take from the things which are written in this book. Ro.1,25 Paul mentions some in the old Testament who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the creator. 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections. 28 And as they did not like to retain God in their ~~minds~~ knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

Therefore as Paul admonished Timothy 4,13 Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in chari ty, in spirit, infaith, in purity, 13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. 16 Take heed unto thyself, ~~and unto thyself~~, and to the doctrine; continue in them, For in doing this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee. heard

Paul also instructs Timothy, 2 Tim.2-2 The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.--2 Tim.4,1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and dead at His appearing and His kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of sea son, rebuke, exhort, with all suffering and doctrine, 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine=but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 and they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Paul warned the Corinthians 14,37 If any man think himself to be a prophet or Spiritual. let him acknowledge, that the things I write unto you are the commandments of God. Also Eph.3,2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the Grace of God which is given me to you ward: #3 How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery; as I wrote afore in few words. (The mystery of the Gospel). 4 whereby when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mstery of Christ. 5 Which in other ages was not made to the sons of men, as is now revealed unto His Holy apostles and Prophets, by the Spirit. Also 2 Pe.3,1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you, in both (epistles) which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: 2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandments of the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: The apostles were inspired by the Holy Spirit, guided by the Holy Spirit in the things they have spoken and written in the scriptures, Ac.2,4--Jn.14,26--Mt,10,19-20. By which they were made ABLE MINISTERS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT 2 Cor.3,5-6 But our sufficiency is of God 5 Who hath made us able ministers of the New Testament.

There are things that we must do to qualify for receiveing Eternal Life Rev.2,10 Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give the crown of Life.

Col3,1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, 2 Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in Glory. 5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetness which is idolotry: 6 for which things sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communications out of your mouth 9 Lie not one to another, seeing ye have put off the old man with his deeds 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created Him.

Let us not forget to Keep in Memory the sacrifice that made it possible for us to inherit eternal Life, According to Ac.20-7 The disciples came together to break bread. And Ac.2,42 The first converts, Continued steadfastly in the apostles Doctrine, and in fellowship, andin breaking of bread. prayers

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