

**THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD
PART 2–THE POWER TO GIVE LIFE!**

JOHN 1:1-9, 14; 6:63

INTRODUCTION

We said last week that the power that belongs to God is stored in the eternal resource of His own Word–The Bible! Our God is the God of all power! If we wish to draw upon His power, we must not neglect His Powerful Word!

Hebrews 4:12–“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

**WE SAW LAST WEEK HOW THAT THE WORD OF GOD HAS
THE POWER TO CONVICT MEN OF SIN!**

The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit is the author of the Word of God! So, we understand that it is the Word of God, used by the Spirit of God, that pricks men’s hearts and minds with conviction of their sin!

**The Word Of God Produces Conviction In The Lost Sinner That Can
Help Them To See Their Lost Condition And Bring Them To Salvation!**

No sinner can be born again apart from the conviction of sin that is produced by the Holy Spirit by the Word of God in the sinner’s life!

**The Word Of God Also Produces Conviction In The Life Of The Saint
That Can Help Bring Them To Sanctification!** Conforming them to the image of the Son of God!

**THIS MORNING LET’S LOOK AT PART 2 OF THIS SERIES ON
THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD:
THE WORD OF GOD HAS THE POWER TO GIVE LIFE!**

JOHN 1:1-9; 14

This reveals to us that Jesus Christ is the living Word of God who is the light of men. (Vs 4)

This also reveals to us that Jesus Christ is the true Light that lights every man that cometh into the world! (Vs 9)

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Now look at John 6:63

- I. JESUS SAID THAT IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH!**
The word “*Quickeneth*” there means “*to vitalize or re-vitalize; i.e. makes alive*”!

What is it that makes us alive physically speaking?
Our physical spirit!

Think about it...how did man get a spirit to begin with?

*Genesis 2:7–“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**; and man became a living soul.”* (“breath of life” = “vital breath”)

- A. When God Created Man On The Sixth Day, He Gave Him
Both Physical Life And Spiritual Life!**

Who did that creative act?

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians concerning Jesus:
Colossians 1:16-17 16–“*For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in 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.*”

- 1. That Life Was Authored By The Spirit!**
John 4:24–“God is a Spirit...” (The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit all are Spirit!)

- 2. When Man First Sinned He Died Spiritually And
The Process Of Dying Physically Began And Was Assured! (Genesis 2:16-17)**

The phrase “*...thou shalt surely die*” there literally means, “*...dying thou shalt die.*”

Genesis 3:19–“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”

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3. When Adam Was 930 Years Old, His Spirit Left His Body And He Died!

*Genesis 5:5—“And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: **and he died.**”*

When your **spirit** leaves your **body** you are physically **DEAD** and **NO ONE can change that but God!**

Because it is the spirit that “quickeneth” or “vitalizes revitalizes, or makes alive.”

4. Because of Adam’s sin, everyone born of Adam (i.e. Everyone but Christ!) is born spiritually dead and will die physically!

*Romans 5:12—“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**”*

B. When God Rebirths A Man, It Is The Holy Spirit That Gives Him Life! (John 3:1-8)

i.e. The Holy Spirit is the one that gives life anew or revitalizes! By The Holy Spirit man is born again!

*Titus 3:5—“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy **he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;**”*

Who accomplishes that regeneration and that renewing?
The Holy Spirit!

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**II. JESUS SAID THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING!
(John 6:63b; Romans 7:5, 18; 8:1-14)**

I don’t want to spend a great amount of time on this.

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**III. JESUS SAID THE WORDS THAT HE SPEAKS ARE SPIRIT!
(John 6:63c)**

So what Jesus is saying here is that when He spoke and whenever He speaks it is according to that quickening Holy Spirit!

*1 Corinthians 15:45—“And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul (i.e. alive); the last Adam (i.e. **Jesus Christ**) was made a quickening spirit (i.e. **energizing or reenergizing spirit**).”*

*John 1:4—“In him (i.e. **the Word or Jesus Christ**) was life; and the life was the light of men.”*

WHAT SHOWED THAT THE WORD OF JESUS WAS A QUICKENING SPIRIT?

1. When He first gave Adam and all the other creatures life!

An evolutionary world-view denies Jesus as the quickening Spirit! Scientists have NEVER been able to give life!

2. When He raised the various dead as He walked the earth!

John 5:21—“For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.”

The Pharisees and Sadducees didn’t like it one bit!
Why, because they denied that Jesus was that quickening Spirit from above!

3. When He arose from the grave after three days as He said!

Romans 1:4—“And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:”

Uh oh, the Pharisees and the Sadducees really, really didn’t like that! They had to do something about it! Well, what do you do with something like an empty tomb?

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Well, they concocted a countering story and then they threatened and beat those who would not keep their mouths shut!

What they didn't understand is that they COULD NOT keep their mouth's shut because they had both SEEN the resurrected Christ and had received a commission from Him!

There is one more evidence (yet to come) that will show that the Word of Jesus Christ is a quickening Spirit:

4. When He comes again to raise those that are IN CHRIST!

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17–“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

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IV. JESUS SAID THE WORDS THAT HE SPEAKS ARE LIFE!

(John 6:63d)

Now let's go back to the garden of Eden and I want you to put your thinking cap on!

The quickening Spirit of God (Jesus) told Adam in *Genesis 2:16-17: “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”*

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All man had to do was obey the LORD God and they would have had LIFE! The Words the LORD God spoke were life!

But Adam and Eve chose to listen to the serpent rather than God!

The serpent told Eve in *Genesis 3:4-5–“Ye shall not surely die.*

For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

Adam and Eve disobeyed God and it brought forth the opposite of life...it brought forth death!

Do you see it? Had they just obeyed the Word, they would have had life!

Fast forward to the New Testament and the times of Christ!

(John 3:14-18; John 6:63-69; John 11: 25-26; John 14:6)

Do you see it? If you obey what the LORD Jesus Christ said to have eternal life, you have eternal life, but if you don't, you remain dead!

Because the Word of Christ IS the Word of God!

Jesus IS very God! His Words ARE Spirit...His Words ARE life!

(I'm talking about the whole Book and not just the ones in red!)

Conclusion

So, the question is have you obeyed the Word of God, the Word of Christ, the Words of this Book that was authored by the Holy Spirit of God?

It tells us how we can have life! Only The Word of God has the power to REVITALIZE US and give us life anew...To birth us again into the very family of God! Are you born again? Have you been born from above?

Obedience to what the Word of God says is necessary in order to obtain eternal life is the ONLY way to obtain eternal life!