

The Nature, Purpose, and Power of Scriptures | Part 4 | Script

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II. Titles and Names of the Scriptures

3. The Word of Christ: Colossians 3:16

4. The Word of Truth: James 1:18, *Ephesians 1:13-14*, 2
Timothy 2:15, *2 Corinthians 6:7**

a) **Word of Truth = NASB, KJV, NKJV*

b) **Truthful Speech = ESV, NIV, CSB, NLT*

Questions for reflection / discussion:

How does seeing Christ as the living Word influence our relationship with the scriptures and with Him?

How can we go from milk to solid food?

Have you ever felt the Word of Christ dwell in you?

How can we enter into an environment where we dwell on the Word of Christ within us?

Can you think of an experience where the Word of Christ taught or corrected you? How did this lead to transformation?

Have you ever felt convicted to do or not do something?

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How can we handle with Word of Truth?

How can we speak Gospel truth to others?

Additional Verses:

Colossians 3:2: *"set your mind on things that are above, not on the things that are on earth"*.

John 10:30 *"I and my Father are one"*

John 6:47: *"whoever believes has eternal life"*.

Psalm 96:1-2: *" Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

1 Peter 1:3-4: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an **inheritance** that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,*

Key Takeaways:

1. The **Word of Christ** refers to the words spoken by Jesus Christ as recorded in Scripture. Since Christ is himself the living Word of God, the Word of Christ also connects broadly to all of Scripture.
2. The **Word of Truth** is a reference to the Gospel message about Jesus Christ. This good news of salvation through faith in Christ is considered the Word of Truth.
3. God's Word leads us to salvation in Christ (faith comes through hearing). From believe, we then continue to shape our minds and hearts to become more like Jesus.
4. Teachers and preachers have a responsibility to handle and communicate the Word of Truth accurately so that those they minister to can grow from spiritual milk to solid food in their faith.