

## THE SURE WORD

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## THE LIVING WORD

Some seem to have the idea that the Bible (the written Word of God) is lifeless and out of touch with the realities of our present times. The view is that modern society has “out-grown” the Word of God., and thus God’s Word is irrelevant and unnecessary. What such thinking fails to take into consideration is the purpose of the Bible. The Bible was never intended by God to be anything other than the revelation of God’s plan to save man from sin through Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us what sin is, what the eternal consequence of sin is and gives us divine instructions to follow to receive the forgiveness of our sins and prepare ourselves to enter into heaven at the second coming of our Lord (Matthew 25:46; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Any person who will admit that people are continuing to commit sin by violating the spiritual law of God revealed in the Bible will also of necessity recognize the continued relevancy of the Bible. (1 John 3:4). Since the Bible reveals the necessity of receiving the forgiveness of sin and how that forgiveness may be received, then as long as men and women continue to sin the Bible will continue to be absolutely essential to our needs.

The inspired writer of the New Testament book of Hebrews describes the Word of God as being “...living and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). A careful study of this pages reveals six great characteristics of God’s Word: It is living, active or powerful, sharp or accurate, piercing and discerning. None of these terms describe something that is dead, weak or ineffective. On the contrary, these terms describe just how powerful an impact the Word of God may have on those who need to benefit from it.

On the Day of Pentecost when Peter and the other apostles preached the Word of God to those gathered for the feast the reaction was, “Now when they **heard this**, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” When they were told what to do (Vs. 38) “those who gladly received his **word** were baptized...” Vs: 41). It was the powerful Word of God heard and believed that prompted obedience to God’s commands that resulted in the salvation of some 3,00 souls on that day. That very same gospel proclaimed, believed and obeyed today retains its power to save. It has not lost one iota of its living, active power to save! It still pierces the heart and discerns the very intent of it. It will save your soul dear reader, if you will accept it for what it says and obey its teaching. May God grant each one a desire to know His powerful Word and obey it!