

“DOCTRINE THAT DANCES”
Studies in the Basic Teaching of the Christian Faith
The Doctrine of God’s Word (God Breathed)
II Timothy 3:16-17

Introduction: We must recognize that God’s word is inspiring, as God's written revelation is believed to have been written under the supernatural influence of the Holy Spirit, making it the very word of God. This inspiration is understood as God "breathing out" His message, ensuring its truthfulness and authority. With this in mind, it brings us to the infallibility of God’s word. “The term 'infallible" means incapable of error or trustworthy. In the context of the Bible, it signifies that God's Word will not fail to accomplish its purpose and is a reliable guide for faith and life. God’s truthful word has no holes in it, which makes it inerrant. In other words, the Bible is completely free from error in the original manuscripts.

I. God’s Word Is God Breathed (V16)

- A. This means that the writings are inspired by God, meaning they originate from and are guided by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:19-21)**
- B. The Greek word translated as "God-breathed" is *theopneustos*, which means "God-inspired" or "breathed out by God. The Hebrew word for breathe is *ruach* which means “wind, breath, or spirit.” This word occurs nearly 400 times in the Old Testament. The Greek word for breathe is *pneuma* meaning "a blowing, a wind, blast; breeze; influence; breathed air, breath; odor, scent; spirit of a person; inspiration, a spirit, ghost,"**
- C. A Latin term, *Sola Scriptura*, that means (by Scripture Alone). The Bible is the only inspired and authoritative Word of God. The only source for Christian doctrine is accessible to all. It is clear, understandable, and self-interpreting. The Bible requires no interpretation outside of itself.**

II. God’s Word is powerful. (V17)

- A. When God speaks, things happen as a result of His words. *God is Omnificent with unlimited creative power, capable of bringing all things into existence.* (Genesis Chapters 1,2) (Isaiah 40:8) God’s word is living and active; it’s Organic. (Hebrews 4:12)**
- B. The logos, the written or spoken word of God, embodies the Bible's core message and teachings. On the other hand, rhema refers to a specific word or phrase from God that’s personally relevant, often felt as a direct revelation or insight that’s powerful.**
- C. *It’s a lamp and light for one's path.* (Psalm 119:105) Additionally, God's word is *fire and a hammer, signifying its transformative and judgmental power.* (Jeremiah 23:29)**
- D. Believers are to take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, as a spiritual weapon, emphasizing its *defensive and offensive power.* (Ephesians 6:17)**

E. Those who believe have the enduring nature of God's word, comparing it to seed that cannot be destroyed, and leads to new birth and eternal life. (1 Peter 1:23-25)

III. What Does This Mean For Us? (V16-17)

A. It means we must Inhale and Exhale His Spirit-filled words. (Spiritual Buoyance)

B. How do we inhale? Nave's Hand Illustration: by Hearing, Reading, Studying, Memorizing, and Meditating on God's Word. As we meditate, the Holy Spirit will teach us the ways of God through His Word.

C. Now, to exhale God's breath word is to live out His Kingdom teaching for His cause. (II Timothy 2:15) Exhaling God's word reproofs us, (The Application) to love our enemies, not hate them. To be patient with our spouses, to show kindness, and to forgive others when wronged. (Matthew 5:44) (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) The Hebrew word "ruach" (רוּחַ) has a wide range of meanings, including wind, breath, and spirit.

D. This type of kindness, forgiveness, and love, only comes when we inhale and exhale God's Holy Divine Word. It brings about correction when needed.

When I am prideful, it reveals my heart on issues. I develop a "God Conscience". (I Timothy 1:5) (I Peter 3:16) His qualities will start to prevail in and through us. We will become His action figure and people will begin to smell the aroma of Christ on us by the way we leave our daily lives. (James 1:22-25)

In Conclusion, we must inhale, breathe, breathe, and breathe, the word, and Exhale, Exhale, Exhale in application. It is a perpetual activity, a constant motion, a reciprocal reaction that must be carried out concerning God's Word. If we are to live and represent God's Kingdom Agenda effectively.

We will become convinced or develop God given convictions to stand for Him, No Matter what, on His God breathed word. Do you have a place where you meet with God in reading His Word? How many times do you read your Bible during the week?

What applications have you demonstrated from reading your Bible this week?

Matthew 4:3-4

And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'"

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