

# Alive And Active

The God Breathed Word  
Done with dusty bibles  
Get those old bibles off the shelf

## **It's Global Bible Month!**

We are going to celebrate the Bible this month and with a series that will help us to:

- Have a deeper understanding of what the Bible is
- Refocus on its importance and relevance to us
- Learn about its reliability - I can trust the Bible
- Learn how to read and study it and engage with it
- Learn how it shapes our lives today

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

We have a God Who SPEAKS... He is not silent, even when it may seem he is.

God CREATED us, LOVES us, and REVEALS Himself to us..

The Bible is the God-breathed living word of God!

“Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

## 2 Timothy 3:12-17 ESV

-Paul talks about the evil of the last days, how all Christians will face persecution. He encourages Timothy to continue in FAITH and in the WORD

-Sacred writings-

- Pentateuch - (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy))
- Septuagint - is the ancient Greek translation of the Hebrew Bible, meaning "seventy" in Latin (Septuagint or LXX) - after the tradition that about 70 Jewish elders translated the first five books (the Torah). It was created for the Greek-speaking Jewish diaspora in Alexandria and became the version of the Old Testament used by the early Christian Church

-Make us wise to salvation through Faith in Christ

-All scripture points to Jesus!

Jesus says in John 5:39-40

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

John 5:39-40 ESV

The entire purpose of scripture is to come to Jesus! And in him become one with Father, Son and Spirit!

-it's Breathed out by God!!

-profitable for... "reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."

Ephesians 5:25-27 ESV

## **Bible facts:**

The Bible is the most translated, best selling book in All history...

It was written by 40 different authors over a period of about 1500 years

The authors consisted of kings, fishermen, shepherds, scholars, doctors, prophets

There are 66 books in the Bible.. the word bible means books

There are 39 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament

Different Literary styles

Law: Genesis - Deuteronomy

History: Joshua - Esther

Wisdom/Poetry: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Prophets: Major and Minor Isaiah-Malachi

Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Church History: Acts

Letters: prison letters, pastoral letters, general letters Roman's-Jude

Prophecy- Apocalyptic- Revelation, Daniel 7-12

The Bible is not written to us, it is written for us..

The authors, audiences, and literary styles are important to know for context but the most important thing is that God is the Author. It is all God breathed and it all points us to Jesus.

It reveals God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and shows us who He is and how to please him.

The Authors wrote exactly what the Holy Spirit wanted by His Power and Inspiration... The Holy Spirit also illuminates the minds and hearts of believers to grasp the truth originally intended by the writer empowered and guided by the Holy Spirit as we read

Authority of scripture

3 kinds of religious authority...

Human reason, the Church, God's Word

**Human reason** and rationalism: the belief that human reason is the highest authority. Believes that human genius will unlock all the secrets of the universe and lead to perfection

Those who take rationalism as their authority usually end up making their own reasoning the final authority.

**The church** does not have ultimate authority over God's word.. but God's word has ultimate authority over the church.. we are a church after God's own heart which is founded in his word

There are problems when an organization tries to take the authority that the Word of God can only have..

We Trust the Word of God as the Ultimate Authority..

**God's Word** carries God's authority..

It's up to God to tell us who he is, not up to us to tell him he is or who we are..

-God is by nature self disclosing!

-He is a Speaking God. We don't have to figure it out on our own. We don't have to figure out who he is on our own

We need to trust him

-He wants to communicate with those he created in His own Image.

He wants to and has shown us who He is and who we are!

"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he

appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”

Hebrews 1:1-3 ESV

God's fullest and final declaration is the person of his son Jesus Christ!

This is called.. the incarnation!

God taking on Flesh

Person to person communication

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1:1-5 ESV

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. **And the Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) **For from his fullness** we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”

John 1:6-18 ESV

To see the Nature of God we look at Jesus the Living Word!

The entire Bible is pointing Jesus

Jesus embodied the word as he walked the earth! Fulfilling every prophecy!

Jesus is God's word... Jesus is God's Message

The demonstration of who God is and his hurricane-like Love!

Going to the cross, to the grave, ascending to heaven and sending us the Holy Spirit!

““These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”

John 14:25-26 ESV

The Holy Spirit will point us to **Jesus the Living Word!** He will remind us who we are in Christ AND as we read the Written Word the Holy Spirit will make it revelation to our hearts!

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!””

Galatians 4:4-6 ESV

The theme of the Bible can be seen in John 3:16...

““For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17 ESV

The Bible alone... The **God-breathed word** contains the message that God invaded the human situation, acted to redeem us, and offered us a way to enter into His redemption!