

## The Word of Life

**Overview:** He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Ps 91:1); no evil shall befall him (Ps 91:10); nothing shall offend him (Ps 119:165); and nothing shall by any means hurt him (Luke 10:19).

### A. The Word of Life.

#### 1. The Word is Life.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 10:30 I and [my] Father are one.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and **the life**.

#### 2. The Word brought us eternal spiritual life.

1Jo 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the **Word of life**;

Phi 2:16 Holding forth the **word of life**; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

#### 3. The Word brings us eternal physical life.

Act 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves **unworthy of everlasting life**, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

Act 13:48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and **as many as were ordained to eternal life believed**.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Joh 11:26 And **whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die**. Believest thou this?

#### 4. The Word controls all the issues of life.

Pro 4:20 My son, **attend to my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings.

Pro 4:21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; **keep them in the midst of thine heart**.

Pro 4:22 **For they [are] life unto those that find them**, and health to all their flesh.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it [are] the **issues of life**.

Pro 4:24 Put away from thee a froward (*habitually disobedient*) mouth, and perverse (*obstinately opposed to truth*) lips put far from thee.

### B. The Seed of Life.

#### 1. The Word of God is a seed.

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

#### 2. The Seed of the Word must be planted.

Mar 4:13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?

Mar 4:14 The sower soweth the word.

Mar 4:15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the **word that was sown in their hearts**.

Mar 4:20 And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive [it], and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

3. The Seed of Life grows into the Tree of Life.

Mar 4:30 And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it?

Mar 4:31 [It is] like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth:

Mar 4:32 But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

4. The Seed of Life is watered by Words of Life.

Eph 5:25 ....Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might **sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish.** *Hear the Word, do the Word.*

C. The Word is a Tree of Life.

One partakes of the Tree of Life by eating, speaking, meditating and living the Word of God.

1. Eating of the Tree of Life.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and **take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:**

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that **overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life,** which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, [was there] **the tree of life,** which bare twelve [manner of] fruits, [and] yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree [were] for the healing of the nations.

Joh 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Joh 6:50 **This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: **if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh,** which I will give for the life of the world.

2. Speaking the Tree of Life.

Pro 15:4 A wholesome tongue [is] a tree of life: but perverseness therein [is] a breach in the spirit.

Pro 13:3 He that **keepeth his mouth keepeth his life:** [but] he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 For **by thy words thou shalt be justified,** and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Pro 18:21 Death and life [are] in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Joh 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing **ye might have life through his name.**

3. Meditating the Tree of Life.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Co 2:16 .... But we have the mind of Christ.

Phi 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Phi 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things [are] honest, whatsoever things [are] just, whatsoever things [are] pure, whatsoever things [are] lovely, whatsoever things [are] of good report; if [there be] any virtue, and if [there be] any praise, think on these things.

2Co 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Pro 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick: but [when] the desire cometh, **[it is] a tree of life. Therefore** Joh 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

4. Living the Tree of Life.

Pro 11:30 **The fruit of the righteous [is] a tree of life**; and he that wins souls [is] wise.

Rev 22:14 Blessed [are] they that do his commandments, that they may **have right to the tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Joh 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Joh 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him **a well of water springing up into everlasting life**.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, **hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but **is passed from death unto life**.

D. The Paths of Life.

1. Wisdom is a Fountain of Life.

Pro 14:27 The fear of the LORD [is] a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Pro 19:23 The fear of the LORD [tendeth] to life: and [he that hath it] shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.

Psa 111:10 **The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom**: a good understanding have all they that do [his commandments]: his praise endureth for ever.

Pro 3:18 **She (wisdom) [is] a tree of life to them** that lay hold upon her: and happy [is every one] that retaineth her.

**Ps 16:7** AMPC I will bless the Lord, Who has given me counsel; ....

**Ps 16:10** For You will not abandon me to Sheol (the place of the dead), neither will You suffer Your holy one [Holy One] to see corruption.

**Ps 16:11** **You will show me the path of life**; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is **made unto us wisdom**, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

2. Understanding is a Wellspring of Life.

Pro 16:22 **Understanding [is] a wellspring of life** unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools [is] folly.

Pro 9:10 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy [is] understanding.

Pro 10:17 **He [is in] the way of life that keeps instruction:** but he that refuses reproof errs.

Pro 4:13 Take fast hold of instruction; let [her] not go: keep her; **for she [is] thy life.**

Pro 6:23 For the commandment [is] a lamp; and the law [is] light; and reproofs of instruction [are] **the way of life:**

Pro 8:35 For whoso findeth me (*instruction*) **findeth life**, and shall obtain favour of the LORD.

Pro 15:31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.

3. Believing is a source of life.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Joh 3:15 That **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Rom 8:1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.**

4. Righteousness is a well of life.

Pro 10:11 The mouth of a righteous [man is] a **well of life:** but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.

Pro 10:16 The **labour of the righteous [tendeth] to life:** the fruit of the wicked to sin.

Pro 11:19 As **righteousness [tendeth] to life:** so he that pursueth evil [pursueth it] to his own death.

Pro 12:28 **In the way of righteousness [is] life; and [in] the pathway [thereof there is] no death.**

Pro 22:4 **By humility [and] the fear of the LORD [are] riches, and honour, and life.**

Pro 21:21 **He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.**