

The Word of God

Multitudes of Christians believe with all their hearts that the Bible is the word of God—the truth of God, and therefore trustworthy.

When we say that the Bible is the word of God, we do not mean that it came to us directly from heaven without human instrumentality. We mean that each book had its human author who, as the holy writer says, “spoke...carried along by the Holy Spirit.” The Bible is the word of God because it is God-breathed. And when the Christian reads its words it is as though God himself were speaking, and man is bound to obey.

When we say that the Bible is the word of God we do not mean that the Bible contains the word of God and other things as well. We mean to equate the Bible with God’s word. The Bible *is* the word of God. If we say that the Bible contains the word of God, then exactly how much is the word of God and how much is not depends on the individual and his point of view.

True, there are variations in translation, even errors in transcribing the words, but we believe that in the original writing the word of God is infallible and free from error. Such variations affect in no way the great teaching of the Bible on matters of faith and practice. The Bible’s very existence today is a remarkable demonstration that God has preserved the truth of his word.

Many things convince us that the Bible is trustworthy, and the Westminster Larger Catechism sums them up when it says: “The Scriptures manifest themselves to be the word of God, by their majesty and purity; by the consent of all the parts, and the scope of the whole, which is to give all glory to God; by their light and power to convince and convert sinners, to comfort and build up believers unto salvation.”

*Thy Word
Is Truth.*

John 17:17

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THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 101

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 372

“Praise Waits for Thee in Zion”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Exodus 20:1-17

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe thy Word nor follow thy holy commandments. Remember thy goodness, we beseech thee, and for thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 371

“O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor!

THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 333

“Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine”

Sermon Text

Luke 23:33-42

Sermon

SAVE YOURSELF

THE LORD'S TABLE

*Hymn of Response # 420

“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

Celebrating the Supper

Hymn of Response # 469

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

Congregation remains seated as an offering for the Deacons Fund will be received during the singing of this hymn.

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

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*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 10:00am. Adult Sunday School class. We are studying the book of Colossians.

Today. We remember the Lord's death in the Communion service during morning worship. Our Communion service is open to those who have been, or are now, communicant members of an evangelical church.

Today. Our quarterly offering for the Deacons Fund will be received during the singing of hymn 469, following the Lord's Supper. Please remain seated for the singing of the hymn and then stand for the singing of the Gloria Patri and pronouncement of the Lord's Benediction.

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.