

▶ **Sunday 10th November 2024**

▶ **John 3:1-10 NIV**

▶ **The power of God's word**

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- ▶ The Bible is more than literature, history or the chronicles of a nation.
- ▶ It is the written **WORD** of **GOD** to His people.

▶ John 1 serves as a profound introduction to the Gospel of John, presenting the pre-existence of Jesus Christ as the Word, His role in creation, and His incarnation as the Light and Life of mankind.

▶ According to John, the word of God and God are one. The word has supernatural power to heal, the ability through the Holy Spirit to bring us to repentance, transform and make us like Jesus.

▶ The Apostle Paul in writing to Timothy shares the purpose and power of God's Word: He said, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ..."

► For all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
(2 Timothy 3:14-17).

God's Word gives life.

- ▶ Verse 4. “In him was life”
- ▶ According to Genesis, God spoke the universe and everything in it into place by the power of His spoken word.

▶ “For the word of God is living and active, Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)

▶ 1 Peter 1:23 talks of new life in Christ, "You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable through, the living and abiding word of God." New life comes through the power of God's word.

- Paul and Silas shared the word with Philippian jailer when he asked,
- “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
- They replied,
- “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved you and your household”

- ▶ Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. (Phil. 16:30-32).
- ▶ The word is the foundation of our Faith.

God's word is our Light

- ▶ Verse 4, “and that Light was the life of men.”
- ▶ Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

- ▶ Isaiah 50:10 says, “Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.”
- ▶ In other words, if you don't know where you're going, you are walking in the darkness.

Conclusion

- ▶ In the book of Amos Chapter 8, there is a powerful prophecy where Amos shares a divine vision of a basket of summer fruit, symbolizing the impending judgement of Israel.

► This chapter features strong criticism of the moral and spiritual decay of the people of Israel and reveals God's plan to punish their social injustices and corrupt practices, It says:

▶ “The days are coming,”
declares the Sovereign Lord,
“when I will send a famine
through the land not a famine
of food or a thirst for water,
but a famine of hearing the
words of the Lord.

▶ People will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it. (Amos 8:11-12).

▶ So, what are we doing to keep in the Word?

▶ Do we have a plan?

▶ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. (John 1:10)