

The Authority of the Word in Our Lives

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." - 2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

In a world filled with shifting opinions, ever-changing ideologies, and the clamor of countless voices, it becomes increasingly important for believers to understand and embrace the authority of the Word of God in our lives. The Bible, the living Word of God, holds an unmatched position as the ultimate source of truth and guidance. It is in the pages of Scripture that we find wisdom, comfort, and the revelation of God's plan for us.

The authority of the Word is not a human construct, but it is divinely inspired. The apostle Paul reminds us in **2 Timothy 3:16** that **all Scripture is God-breathed**. Every word, every verse, and every book of the Bible carries the imprint of the divine. It is through the inspired Word that God speaks directly to our hearts, guiding us in every aspect of life.

The authority of the Word is not limited to the past or specific historical context; rather, it transcends time and culture. The truths contained within its pages are timeless, relevant, and applicable to our lives today. The Bible provides us with God's unchanging standards of morality, ethics, and principles that guide us in our relationships, decisions, and actions.

When we acknowledge the authority of the Word, we position ourselves under its transformative power. The Scriptures are not meant to be read casually or treated as a mere collection of stories. Instead, they are intended to be studied, meditated upon, and applied to our lives. As we internalize God's Word, it shapes our thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors, aligning us with God's perfect will.

The authority of the Word enables us to discern truth from falsehood. In a world that often promotes deceptive philosophies and misleading doctrines, the Word serves as a compass, pointing us in the right direction. It guards us against deception, provides clarity in times of confusion, and exposes the schemes of the enemy. **As Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).**

Let us, therefore, approach the Word of God with reverence and humility, recognizing its supreme authority over our lives. Let us study it diligently, allowing it to penetrate our hearts, and transform our minds. As we meditate on its truths, let us be obedient to its teachings, knowing that it is through obedience that we experience the blessings of God.

As you continue on your journey through life, may the authority of the Word be your guiding light, your source of wisdom, and your foundation for faith. Remember the

psalmist's words: **"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (Psalm 119:105)**. May the authority of the Word continually shape and direct your steps, bringing you closer to the heart of God and the fulfillment of His purpose for your life.

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Weekly prayer requests

"...go and make disciples of all nations...." Matthew 28:19 NIV

This month, let's set our hearts to prayer for the high calling of evangelism. In Jesus' "Great Commission," Jesus sends us to "all nations." Early, as the Covenant Brethren Church developed, the Executive Board thought that our foreign mission endeavors would come a bit later as we got organized. But the Lord had different plans! He began to bring congregations to us! Today we have congregations in Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, and Guatemala. Many of these congregations are very evangelistically centered, bringing new believers into the Kingdom. There are Brethren baptisms by trine immersion happening in places we couldn't imagine! Pray for these far away CBC churches.

Please pray for the following congregations and pastors

Shady Grove Congregation in Bruceton Mills, WV and Pastor Michael Bernard
Spindale Congregation in Spindale, NC and Pastors Russell and Deborah Payne

CBC Prayer Committee