

The Pure Word of God

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[0 : 00] Welcome. Thank you for choosing to listen to another word-filled message by David Entry. Preaching is the means by which God manifests His word and nourishes our spirits. May the life of God enter into you and you as you listen to this message. Be blessed.

Acts 20, 32 says that. And now, brethren, I commend... Alright, let's read it from the screen, I think. Alright, let's read it from the screen now. Everybody will be able to read the same version. Let's go. So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the Lord of the grace, to be able to do the Lord and to the Lord of the earth, among the Lord of the Lord, as we are sanctified. Amen.

He said, I commend you unto God and to the word of His grace. When you become a Christian, how you become a Christian matters.

And then, when you become a Christian, you are supposed to be growing as a Christian, living your life as a Christian, and fulfilling the purpose of God, the plan of God for your life as a Christian, looking forward to the coming of the Lord for a reward.

[1 : 21] Now, all these things cannot be done outside of God's word. So, the chief agent for our new birth, when you hear that phrase, new birth, meaning being born again as a Christian.

In John chapter 3, Nicodemus said, how can... He said I should be born again. How can a man who is already born and old go, enter into his mother's womb to be born again?

You know, he was really... What do you mean by that? There are times that spiritual language sounds very foreign to normal day-to-day thinking. Real spiritual language, when you come into contact with Christ, the language of spirituality, because it's part of the mystery of God.

It's very foreign to normal human day-to-day thinking. So, Jesus says that you have to be born again. Then he explains it to him. Now, that means that when we come to church, there is the need for terminologies to be explained.

Because there are times you'll be in church for a while and become so used to terminology and ascribe meaning to it which may not be authentic.

[2 : 41] So, that is why I took my time and I was teaching on justification, redemption, propitiation. All those things are very important. So, at least, when you hear it, you are familiar with what it means.

Now, I just mentioned the phrase, new birth. New birth is what is used to describe someone who has now become a Christian.

When you have become, the Bible says, if a man be, if any man, in 2 Corinthians 5, verse 17, if any man be in Christ, that person, not everybody, that person is a new creature.

Other translations, new creation. Okay, so, your being in Christ makes you new. In the book of 1 Peter, it talks about who has, I think, chapter 1, verse 3, he has given birth, he has born us again. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant message has begotten us. We have been born. Has begotten us again. That's born again over there.

[3 : 52] To a living hope through the resurrection of Christ from the dead. So, God has given birth to us. So, in 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 23, having been born again.

So, the chief agent for our new birth. Now, when I say new birth, you understand that. For being born again, new birth. Every believer is said. Having the chief agent for our new birth is being born again, not of corruptible seed.

So, that means that there is a seed responsible for our spiritual birth. As a matter of every birth, there must be a seed responsible for it.

There is no birth without a seed responsible. If you actually see a plant growing somewhere, you are wondering, how did this plant come here?

Somebody might have brought the seed or the... It's anything that makes it grow. It's generally a seed. A seed of it.

[5 : 02] It carries the DNA of whatever. Or the essence of it. It's been brought here. Because if it doesn't come here, it doesn't... Weeds is true when the air blows. And by the time you realize, it's moved from one side to the other.

By the time you see the grass, something else is growing. And it doesn't come automatically. There is a seed. So, what I'm trying to say is there is a seed responsible for every birth. There is a seed. That's why you look like your father.

So, being born again... So, our second birth. Our new birth. As believers, our new birth.

What is the seed behind it? It's clearly saying that the seed responsible for the new birth is the word of God, which is not corruptible.

So, he uses the word, the incorruptible word of God. You can't destroy it. So, then, the word of God becomes the chief agent for the beginning of your Christian life.

[6 : 03] Not somebody's testimony. Not how you feel. Is it relevant? Not how you feel about life.

Not what people think about you. All those things are not relevant. The preaching is not even as relevant as the word. Preaching doesn't give birth, spiritual birth to people.

It's the word of God in the preaching. That changes people. So, it says that, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace.

Let's all say the word of his grace. So, the word of God is the word of his grace. There's something theologians call means of grace.

So, then, when you become born again, you are actually a child of God. And how many of you agree with me that every child that is born needs to be nourished, needs to be fed for the child to grow, for the child to live.

[7 : 05] Every living thing needs to depend on something to continue living. Right. And for us in our newfound life or in our new life in Christ, what makes us thrive, what makes us grow, is called God's means of grace.

It's the grace of God that makes, that's why all the writings of Paul, you see, grace be to you, grace to you, grace be upon you. Because it's grace that actually make you grow in the Lord or you enjoy the Lord.

As I said, that we are, every true minister of the gospel is dispenser of grace. Grace meaning God actually at work. So, now, coming back to the means of grace, the theologians call something means of grace.

How, what is the means through which God dispense grace to us for our spiritual life and our divine life on earth? Now, the number one means of grace that God has put in place to be able to dispense his grace into his people is the word of God.

That's why the word of God, the Bible is called the word of his grace. You can't grow in your spiritual work without the word of God. Now, so having said that, it means that it's important to give the word maximum attention.

[8 : 33] Now, if you're going to give the word of God maximum attention, it is necessary to also know what the word of God is. And it is necessary to understand the, the importance of the word of God.

Now, has God got a word? If he has got a word, where is his word? Is this the word of God?

How about other religious books? What make you say this is the word of God and why not the other religious books? One, and if this is the word of God, are the other religious books also the word of God?

These are important, intelligent questions that need to be answered. So then, we are not crediting the word, this Bible, with divine inspiration because we believe it.

We believe it because it is divinely inspired. We are not saying it's divinely inspired because we believe it, but we believe it because it is divinely inspired.

[9 : 51] What does that mean? It means that there are people who have actually, they didn't have any faith or even skeptics, atheists who came to the book, started reading it and realized that this book is living and the book changed their lives.

There's this situation. They presented an analogy saying that seven brothers, the first one married, he married and he died. He didn't have a child.

So that means that your brother must marry your wife, which is the law. So the second one married a woman, also died, didn't have a child. The third one, the woman is powerful, the third one married her also died without a child.

This was not a real story. They were presenting a scenario, intellectual scenario to Jesus. And then, they said, and it happened that all of the guys died, without having a child.

Seven of them. So, brother A, that's my wife. And I died. Brother B, that's my wife. Died, the same woman. Now, all of them were married to her legally.

[11:06] They said, okay, at the resurrection, whose wife would she be? If you believe in the resurrection, they all get up. Then now, which of the seven is going to say it's my wife?

Jesus said, you, A, because you know not the scriptures, not the power of God. He said, in the resurrection, there shall not be marriage. Oh, in the resurrection, he said, we shall be like the angels.

He said, you, A, then Jesus, Jesus put them right. Now, what am I trying to say? Many, most of the time, people come to us or you who claim who are a spiritual person standing on God's promises and they want to ask you questions they think you didn't think through it.

They think you didn't think through it. You have mistakes. All these things you say, you believe. And they come very confident. I don't know if you have experienced people like that before. And they are very confident. Their level of confidence is amazing.

That is why I think it is necessary for a pastor like me and every good pastor to take time to boost the confidence of the people of God in the God they know.

[12:17] Because sometimes our timidity and the confidence with which they come to us alone can make you feel like there's something true these guys are saying. But when you know what you know, Paul said, I know in whom I have believed and I am persuaded second Timothy 1.12.

So when you know what you know, even when you go through turbulent times, you don't lift your hand and curse God. When you know what you know, when you understand who God is and you are growing in God, no trouble, no breakthrough can shift you off.

That is why it's important to know very well that God we are serving. Knowing is important. So now, Paul wrote to Timothy and he said, I think this is a very pivotal text for scriptures.

Second Timothy chapter three. Reading from verse 14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and has been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them.

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures. Thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

[13:51] All scripture is given by the inspiration of God. And it's profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instructions in righteousness that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly finished unto every good way.

Very important four points that we find from this text before I actually go into the other. Four points we find from this text. It says that that from childhood you have known the scriptures.

He's writing to Timothy and he's saying Timothy has known the scriptures. So before he wrote to Timothy, what scripture is he talking about then? Because now we are reading the scripture about the one before he wrote.

What is the scripture Timothy has known? Jesus had the scriptures. Jesus said in John chapter 10:35 the scriptures cannot be broken.

The scripture I just read earlier on in Matthew chapter 22 verse 29 Jesus said you err because you do not know the scriptures or you do not know the scriptures or the power of God.

[15:02] When he says resurrected he took them through the scriptures. So what scripture are we talking about? What is we call the Old Testament is the Jewish scriptures, the Jewish Torah.

Now this is very important. So then the Old Testament the the Bible is made up of two testaments. Okay. The new or two divisions.

The New Testament and the Old Testament. Let's all say that's good. The New Testament or let's start from the Old. The Old Testament and the New Testament. One more time please.

So the Bible is made up of the Old Testament and the New Testament. This is very important. The Old Testament is older than the New Testament obviously. And the New Testament is Bible says Jesus went to the synagogue in Luke chapter 4 and it was given to him to read the scripture.

And it found in verse 17 it says that and he was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. So the prophet Isaiah either in the in the synagogue they are worshipped.

[16:07] They are risen Isaiah most everything. So what the Isaiah this is very important. the Isaiah we are reading today is not different from the Isaiah Jesus read. This is very important.

So it's not like they've amended the Old Testament has not been amended. So then one of the things that I've been showed that nothing has been added to it is check the Jewish scriptures and you'll find that the Jewish scriptures which is called the Torah as the Old Testament. and the only difference might be the arrangement of the books. The arrangement of the books but it's the same books.

It's the same books. So they have their Old Testament because their Old Testament their Torah become our Old Testament which is a necessary part of the entire Bible.

So the Bible didn't start with when Jesus came and died. The Bible started before Jesus came. so that his people or himself when he came he will have a scripture to live by.

[17:11] Galatians 4.4 In the fullness of time God sent forth his son born of a woman but under the law they were living their lives by the law of Moses and what the prophets said.

So now what it means is that the Old Testament was over a thousand years older than Jesus. much of it okay that means in 2000 now so 3000 years ago this information this document is still the same if you want to know whether the Bible is true just take the Jewish scripture compare compare and see and you see the Jews one of the things God gave them is they were particular about the word of God every Jewish boy would be reciting the word of God they knew it and to translate or to write it you know maybe you know how can we have so many Bibles those days didn't have printing press people call scribes they had to write it copy it and they were trained and if you if they look through it and one dot is missing the whole thing is yeah quality control everything because they were trained to to keep the word of God across the generations they have kept it and so there's not only one version or there was not only one book when I say one book there were the scripture this one so even if three of you your own gets missing will find this other people's scripture and so it's not like something that has gone into extinction in God preserved his word over the generations so what

I'm trying to say is that the Old Testament is not new the Old Testament is not new it's been in existence before Christianity started so it's not like the Christian Bible we are writing our Bible and King Jesus was writing the Bible and so now he put the Old Testament together no it's outdated Christianity as it is now so it says that thou has known the scriptures so the scriptures Paul was referring to are the scriptures that Jesus was reading that all the Jews used to read those were the scriptures now you have known the scriptures which from a childhood you have known the scriptures which is able to make you wise unto salvation now watch this the Bible doesn't save you can read it as much as you want and hide it under your pillow like grammar the Bible does not save salvation is not in the

Bible salvation is in Christ it's in the Bible now Acts 4 verse 11 and 12 it says clearly that verse 12 verse 12 it says there is no salvation in any other for there is no other name including the Bible and the heaven give you amongst men by which we might be talking about only Jesus now but how do you know Jesus you have to find him in the Bible so the only way you can meet Jesus is in the Bible else you might think is the footballer in John in Luke chapter 2 verse 14 he said for this day has been born to you a savior in the city of David 14 11 yeah for there is born to you this day in the city of David world a savior so who is Christ the Lord no you don't miss it so if you are saying that you know about a

Jesus and I want to check if it's the same Jesus and I ask does he save he said no okay then it's a different Jesus that's why you have to know your Jesus so if someone presents another Jesus oh no no this is not the Jesus that saves the Jesus I'm talking about he saves the Jesus I'm talking about his Messiah the Jesus I'm talking about is the son of David the Jesus I'm talking about is the seed of the woman the Jesus I'm talking about is the seed of Abraham the Jesus I'm talking about is the son of God the Jesus I'm talking about is God is the embodiment of God in human flesh is it the same man you're talking about please stand aside we are talking about two different Jesus so there's no way you can know who Jesus really is outside of the Bible but you said the Old Testament out it predates Jesus so he didn't talk about oh you read the word it's always talking about Jesus he might not mention Jesus but he's always talking about Jesus the Old

[21:53] Testament the law was speaking about that's why he could go into from the law you know on the resurrection Bible said beginning at Moses Moses talking about the law beginning at Moses Luke chapter 24 verse 27 beginning at Moses and through all the prophets he expounded unto

them the things concerning himself because they were always talking about him so the Old Testament scriptures spoke about Jesus now coming back to the text we read it says that from childhood that has known the scriptures which is able to make you wise unto salvation see salvation is not the scripture unto salvation which is in faith in Christ or which is in Christ or through faith which is in Christ Jesus the salvation comes through faith which is in Christ Jesus it doesn't come by just having a Bible and reading it but the salvation comes through faith which is in Christ Jesus and those of us who are born again we got born again because we found

Christ and if you want to know Christ you have to get to the Bible if you want to know more and that's why we can't finish reading the Bible because every time you read you see more you see more when you go you keep seeing more when you go you read it with your spirit spiritually and with an open heart to hear from God and so it says that that has known the scriptures which is able to make you wise unto salvation and then secondly there's a point here which you got to notice all scripture how many scriptures how much of scripture 1st Corinthians chapter 7 it's for me so you see that scripture one he said this is for the Lord another place this is not from the Lord another place but to the rest I not the Lord say so then they said there are things that are written in the Bible which is Paul's opinion so if you really want to know like some of these people who are attacking marriage they can go they have to dismiss Paul because if you don't dismiss Paul you can't go further with your attack on Christian marriage because Paul has covered it and they'll tell you but Jesus didn't say anything about that why would he say it when he's going to send Paul to say it Paul himself puts it this way Galatians 1 15 and 16 when he pleased God who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by his through his grace to what is the purpose of his calling to reveal his son in me so their calling was to reveal himself so the ascended Jesus had so many things to tell them but they couldn't bear how be it when the spirit of truth comes he will reveal these things to you now Paul now was given the charge to teach these things and the Holy Spirit can now reveal it to the people of God but as we have in the discourse someone said oh but this is Paul's opinion it's Paul's opinion and we have to check what Jesus has got to say he said no but if it's Paul's opinion is the scripture no no no but Paul was saying things based on this liberals use that a lot what Jesus said is not more important in the scripture is not more important than what Paul said don't give it more weight over what Paul said no you can write this from Jesus I said no the Bible said all scripture all scripture what Jesus said what Paul said what Peter said what James said what Moses said what Isaiah said what Job said all scripture so you can't give one part of scripture more weight than the other because it's equally the word of God all scripture no it says that all scripture is giving the the breath of God all scripture how do you get scripture God God breathe it all scripture is given by the breath of God and that's very important this is where we don't separate and exclude anything written in the Bible and we don't bring other things like apocrypha I'll probably talk about that sometime later apocrypha into it because it's not part of scripture all scripture is given if you realize Colossians chapter I think chapter 4 I suppose it's verse 12 where he mentions the church of Laodicea and it talks about how he has written to them I think it's in Colossians definitely that he's written a letter to the church of Laodicea but they should make sure that this letter of Colossae should be read there and they should read the one in Laodicea so is it 416 he said now when this epistle is read amongst you Colossians see that it is read also in the church of the Laodiceans and that you likewise read the epistle from Laodicea where is it where is the epistle of Laodicea where is it you can say that that one was Paul's own opinion you can say that that was Paul's own opinion that's why he didn't make it into scripture even though he has told them to read it that was not scripture so anything that is here is God breath 2nd Peter chapter 1 verse 20 we say 21 it says that no prophecy knowing that knowing this first say first say it again these are first things to know fundamental it's fundamental knowing this first that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation that as for me this is what it means to me an angel has told me this and this so it's my truth it doesn't matter what it means to you what does the text actually mean it's not whether it means something to you the text itself what does it mean so he said it's not private interpretation but for prophecy never came by the will of man that's it but holy men of God spoke as they were moved now those things that sailing without the where you have a sail yeah actually how does it move the boat depending on the wind so the direction of the wind they turn the sail and then the wind is what pushes and carries now that's the same ideology here that men of God were carried they were moved they were inspired by the some of them wrote an inspiration many of them wrote not knowing like Moses most of the words

[29 : 05] Moses wrote was an inspiration and some of the things the Bible said for David said the Holy Spirit said by the mouth of David you know so there are things that they wrote which they didn't so Paul was writing watch this I've gone ahead of myself but let me say when he was writing he wasn't saying I'm writing the Bible I'm writing scripture he was writing so and God didn't violate his feelings that's the beauty of it that God can work with you without you even realizing that he's working with you for it is God who worketh in you both will and to do of his God is working he says that for the spirit of himself bears witness with our spirit there's time that you are thinking I decided to say hello to her not knowing she was praying that Lord if you really want me let someone come and say hello to me so you are saying hello based on your decision it's actually the Holy Ghost but you thought it's you because he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit so you thought it's you but when you exercise your spirit and turn to the Lord and walk with the

Lord there are times that the Lord works through you and it looks like it's you that's why Paul said this one I'm not sure even if it's God or it's me myself because sometimes you can't become so jasperized you become so intertwined with God that you are not able to tell then sometimes to you as a human being there are times where your soul there are times where your human elements can come through filter through your spiritual activities that is why watch this Bible says that the word of God Hebrews 4 12 is living and active I like that it's living it's alive it's not like something that is paper when the thing enters you it begins to work it has life the word of God is living the word of God is living and some translations say active active and it's active it acts it acts the word of God acts the word of God is living and it's powerful and it says that powerful and sharper than any two edge so what what do you sort for cut so the word of God cuts and it's able to slice very fine without causing side effects it doesn't cut more than it's supposed to cut with precision so it's very fine and sharp now it says it's able to divide between the soul and the spirit sometimes you are confused you are about to prophesy the Lord says I should tell you stop thinking about marriage because you have heard so many things about this woman concerning marriage now it has turned into prophecy you are genuine and well intentioned but listen your soul is coming through your soul is coming through that is why every one of us need to grow in the word because it's only the word of God that can block the soul from filtering through the work of the spirit so if you are not worthy you'll be worldly you have to be worthy so that you are worthy of the

Lord's flow God can flow through you easily he looks for his word that is why the scripture clearly says that let them be counted worthy of especially those who labor in the word and doctrine the word what's the usefulness of a pastor who can't study the word I mean think about it what's the usefulness of a nurse who can't stand blood who can't stand sick people so it says that the the the the word of God is sharper so when our soul is getting in and it's very easy for your soul to get in especially because sometimes you think it's God who is talking to you but it's not God when you are interested your interests can be disguised so you see it's very easy for our soulish desire the teachings you hear washes you because many of us need serious brainwashing deep clean all scripture is given by the breath of God let's all say this again all scripture say all scripture now listen to when you say the breath of

God that means that it actually came from God it's about time that we should put aside the opinion of man there's something about God's word when it comes from God it can humble you when it time you in fact if you want to grow in the things of God get deep in the word of God get into the word get into the word nowadays we have people who read the bible but not people who study the bible you must have a steady life you must have a steady life or your life will not be steady and satan has kept you busy on purpose yeah I know it come and ask me satan has kept you busy on purpose tell somebody satan has kept you busy on purpose and it's not like doesn't use even bad things to keep you busy he uses good things he can even use church activities church activities to keep you busy because you are always busy you are not great you are not reading program to program busy he can use family life

[35 : 01] God has blessed you with two children three children satan can use their cause to make you very busy he can use your business to make you very busy he can use your studies your education have an exam next year so I have to stay away from everything you have time to respond to dms yeah but God is sending you a dm he says I'm busy I'm busy I'm busy I have to study I'm busy I'm busy I know I'm talking to you this Christianity which is based on just church events and church activity is not the one the Bible is talking about can I say that again the fact that you've been getting coming to church doesn't mean you're an authentic Christian no and you can't be an

authentic Christian without getting to church yeah going to the theater doesn't make you a surgeon wearing football jersey doesn't make you a professional footballer you can wear number 8 whatever you can wear it doesn't make you that person you are not a player you are just a fan you are not a player and we have a lot of people who are fans of

Christ in church having fanfare and jamborees so if you want to grow get into the word get into the word Bible says the brilliant Christians after pastor finished preaching they will go and go through the scriptures go through the scriptures now sometimes I find it so difficult to find people who say oh pastor when I was reading a scripture I came across this there's a man in Genesis chapter 32 who had an encounter with God Jacob Bible says a man wrestled with him that's how he should be like with you and the word of God by the time you finish the word of God finish with you you are limping something of you have given way God the word is powerful it must prevail it must prevail but let's finish this text so it says that thou has known the scripture which is able to make you wise for all scripture is given by the inspiration of

God and it's profitable for doctrine so you want to know the teachings that you need for your Christian life if someone tells you but there are other things you can also learn for your Christian life outside the Bible that's the voice of the devil the person might not be a devil but the way Satan spoke to Peter to Jesus Satan is speaking through their good will you don't need anything else apart from the Bible for your spiritual growth the means of grace is the word you don't need anything in the book or any other document nothing is as part that is why it becomes a problem when a preacher is preaching without making the Bible the basis of his preaching so then that means that since the Bible is from God the word of God is the breath of

God it should have the governing authority in our meetings when we come that's why they allow the Bible to be open we have to preach from the Bible every other human opinion must be made subject sometimes ago I was telling the pastor is not preaching opinions he's supposed to preach the word of God don't say that's your opinion that's the word of God but that's your opinion about it that's why it's good to get to what the Bible actually says let the Bible speak let the Bible speak that is what makes a church healthy a church that people are not familiar with the Bible is a very bad church they know testimonies they know miracles they know breakthroughs they know certain ways but they are not familiar with the scriptures this is a bad church it's a bad he's doing bad that pastor is doing a bad job but let me add this small one the word of God is from God and it's only God who must speak when you get close to the

Bible genuinely it shuts you up it says shut up people who are growing in Christ we always want to tell our opinions when you are growing in Christ you begin to back off with your opinion shut up Bible says that every mouth will be silenced God so only God can be doing the speaking when it comes to authority in spiritual matters Romans chapter 3 verse 18 or 19 or 20 it says that all that was written in the Lord was written that every mouth may be stopped the more you get closer to God the more your mouth gets shut up so God you do the taking I don't got anything to say it doesn't matter what I know God you are boss that's why it said it is all scripture is given by the spirit it came from God and finally my third point I want you to notice is that the man of God will be thoroughly finished it transforms life sorry 2nd Corinthians chapter 3 verse 18 we all with unveiled faces beholding us in a glass are being changed or transformed into the same image from glory to glory so we are all being changed that's where metamorphoses take place the change into transformation after you become a believer now you must open yourself to the surgery of the word for the word to work on you to work on you is separating your spirit from your soul

[40 : 56] I'm naughty I have a problem I'm arrogant I'm proud I easily get offended I'm bitter the word of God will be able to separate the draws from your life and flush it out with time the more we submit ourselves to the pure word of God the more transformation we experience in our life and I know God is going to move you from glory to glory from favor to favor from faith to faith from grace to grace and from power to power if you believe it shout I believe in amen sanctify them by your word your word is true sanctify that's the changing agent of every church amen lift up your right hand please if you don't mind say oh lord sanctify me by your word I submit my plans my hopes my ambitions my feelings my intentions

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