

## Word of God - cont.

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es **baptism** (Acts 18:8). The hearer is told that baptism washes away sins and he needs to obey the command to be baptized.

What are some other things that the powerful word of God will do?

God's powerful word confirms (Acts 20:32). It will build up the one who is weak.

God's powerful word comforts (Romans 15:4). It will comfort the one who is suffering.

God's powerful word completes (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It will complete the one who is lacking.

God's powerful word condemns (John 5:28-29; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10; 2:11-12; 2 Peter 3:5-7). It will judge and punish the disobedient.

Yes, God's powerful word can be resisted (Acts 7:51-53) and it can be neglected (Hebrews 2:1-4). But friend, will you let God's powerful word change your heart, save your soul, and preserve your life today?

- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- If you want to reap friendship, sow courtesy.
- When you ask God for guidance, don't complain when it differs from your own personal preference.
- Real charity does not care if it is tax deductible or not.
- Like all liquids that seek a lower level, alcohol takes the drinker down with it as it seeks a lower level.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# The Powerful Word of God

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*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returns not there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*  
- Isaiah 55:8-11 -

We have examples of many powerful forces in our world today, both natural and man-made. We have powerful tornadoes and hurricanes in nature and we have man-made, powerful generators and explosives. Isaiah speaks of the power of God's word to accomplish anything that God desires (Isaiah 55:8-11).

Is the Bible just another book? Just how powerful is the word of God? Consider some descriptions of God's word in the Bible.

God's word is like a fire and a

hammer (Jeremiah 23:29). It burns up wickedness and takes a blow to pride.

God's word is like a sharp sword (Hebrews 4:12). It cuts into the heart and makes judgments.

God's word is like a seed (Luke 8:11). It is planted and grows to bear the fruit of righteousness.

God's word is forever settled (Psalm 119:89). It needs no debate.

God's word is forever abiding (Matthew 23:35; 1 Peter 1:22-23). It needs no revision or upgrade.

God's powerful word creates (Genesis 1:1-3; Psalm 33:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2; 2 Peter 3:5). God simply said, "Let there be..." and it came to pass. (You try that sometime and see what happens.)

God's powerful word conserves (Acts 14:17; 17:28; Colossians 1:17; Hebrews 1:3). God upholds, maintains, and preserves all that he has created.

God's powerful word controls (Matthew 8:3, 13, 26, 32). When Jesus spoke a miracle, it immediately hap-

pened.

God's powerful word converts (Psalm 19:7; 119:150; John 6:44-45, 63; Acts 2:37; Romans 1:16; James 1:18, 21). God's gospel is his power to salvation.

Let's explore a little more of God's powerful word which converts. The apostle Peter said that he preached "words whereby you will be saved" (Acts 11:14). God's words save when the hearer obeys them. So, what does the hearer need to do?

First, the word of God produces **faith** (Acts 15:7). The hearer needs to listen to God's word and believe it.

Second, the word of God produces **repentance** (Acts 2:47). The hearer needs to be pricked in the conscience by the words he hears and desire to change.

Third, the word of God produces **confession** (Acts 8:37). The hearer needs to confess that he believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Fourth, the word of God produc-