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What is the Word of God?

since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the <u>living</u> and <u>abiding</u> word of God; 1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)

1. The Word of God is <u>living</u>.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

2. The Word of God is abiding.

for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. <u>The grass withers</u>, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you. 1 Peter 1:24–25 (ESV)

3. The Word of God is <u>pure spiritual food</u>.

Like newborn infants, long for the <u>pure spiritual milk</u>, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 1 Peter 2:2 (ESV)

But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

4. The Word of God needs to be preached.

...but the word of the Lord remains forever." <u>And this word is the good news that was preached to you</u>. 1 Peter 1:25 (ESV)

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith. Acts 6:7 (NIV)

But the word of God increased and multiplied. Acts 12:24 (ESV)

When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. Acts 13:5 (ESV)

What does the Word of God do in the people of God?

1. The Word of God <u>creates</u> and <u>matures</u> spiritual life.

since <u>you have been born again</u>, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, <u>through the living and abiding word of God</u>; 1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)

Behold, <u>I was brought forth in iniquity</u>, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Psalm 51:5 (ESV)

among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. Ephesians 2:3 (ESV)

Like newborn infants, <u>long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation</u>— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:2–3 (ESV)

2. The Word of God <u>creates</u> <u>love</u> between the people of God.

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth <u>for a sincere</u> <u>brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 1 Peter 1:22–23 (ESV)</u>

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. 1 John 3:14 (ESV)

So put away all <u>malice</u> and all <u>deceit</u> and <u>hypocrisy</u> and <u>envy</u> and all <u>slander</u>. 1 Peter 2:1 (ESV)

Malice —

Deceit —

Hypocrisy —

Envy —

Slander —

Conclusion

The Word of God creates intense love between the people of God.



The Word Of God Creates The Love Between The People Of God