

Sermon: The Bible Is God's Word

Text: [I Peter 1:22-25 ESV](#)

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Introduction: "I am a Christian because God says so, and I did what he told me to do, and I stand on God's Word, and if the Book goes down, I'll go with it." - Billy Sunday

The Bible is the foundation for the Church as it is used, memorized and shared with others. If the foundation is destroyed, so is the Church. [I Peter 1:25a](#) "but the word of the Lord remains forever."

I. The Bible Is _____.

- A. The Bible is _____ by God.
- B. The Bible is _____ truth.

II. The Bible Is _____.

- A. The Bible is from _____ seed.
- B. God's love is _____.

III. The Bible Is _____.

- A. To new _____ in Christ Jesus
- B. The Bible joins ethics and morals with being _____ again.

Conclusion: It is the Word of God that came to the prophets and their forefathers, but now it is available to everyone directly who has ears to hear. The problem today is that many people do not recognize the Bible's unique importance. Some confuse an inspiring talk or enthusiasm - with the Word of God.

So we have the Eternal Word ([John 1ff](#)) who offers eternal life. The Bible is God's Word to us today to believe or reject what it says especially about Jesus. Eternal life awaits those who have believed (and continue to believe) in Jesus. Faith is not a one-time experience, but a holy lifestyle to which you are invited this very day!

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22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for

"All flesh is like grass

and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,

and the flower falls,

25 but the word of the Lord remains forever."

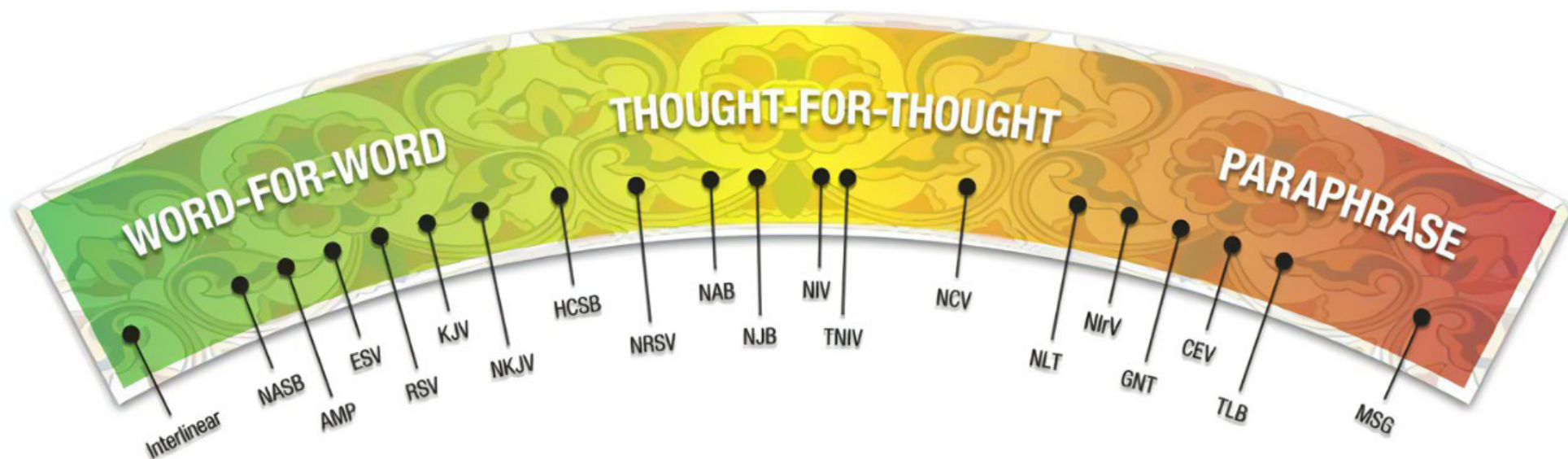
And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

The following is from *Wishful Thinking a Seeker's ABC*, pp. 120-122, by Frederick Buechner:

"In Hebrew the term *dabar* means both 'word' and 'deed.' Thus to say something is to do something. I love you. I hate you. I forgive you. I am afraid. Who knows what such words do, but whatever it is, it can never be undone. Something that lays hidden in the heart is irrevocably released through speech into time is given substance and tossed like a stone into the pool of history, where the concentric rings lap out endlessly.

Words are power, essentially the power of creation. By my words I both discover and create who I am. By my words I elicit a word from you. Through our converse (conversation) we create each other. Words and deeds are who we are. Words and deeds declare to a world whose we are!"

Types of Bible Translations



NASB - New American Standard Bible
AMP - Amplified Bible
ESV - English Standard Version
RSV - Revised Standard Version
KJV - King James Version
NKJV - New King James Version

HCSB - Holman Christian Standard Bible
NRSV - New Revised Standard Version
NAB - New American Bible
NJB - New Jerusalem Bible
NIV - New International Version
TNIV - Today's New International Version
NCV - New Century Version
NLT - New Living Translation

Nlrv - New International Reader's Version
GNT - Good News Translation
(also Good News Bible)
CEV - Contemporary English Version
TLB - The Living Bible
MSG - The Message