THE WORD

• <u>2 Timothy 4:2</u> Preach the word ...

Society thinks we are "intolerant" because we preach the Word

- <u>Numbers 22:18</u> And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more.
- <u>Deuteronomy 4:2</u> Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.
- Jeremiah 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

Job description of the Apostolic preacher:

- <u>Acts 6:4</u> But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- <u>2 Thessalonians 3:1</u> Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

Why was the Word given such prominence in the New Testament?

- <u>Acts 6:7</u> And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.
- <u>Mark 16:20</u> And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.
- <u>Acts 10:44</u> While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

The eternal power of the Word:

- **<u>Psalm 119:89</u>** For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.
- **Psalm 119:160** Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

- <u>Mark 13:31</u> Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.
- <u>2 Peter 1:21</u> For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- <u>Isaiah 55:11</u> So shall my word be that goeth 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.
- <u>Ecclesiastes 8:4</u> Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?

What the Word accomplishes in us:

- <u>Deuteronomy 8:3</u> And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.
- <u>**1 Kings 8:56</u>** Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant.</u>
- **Psalm 105:19** Until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him.
- **Psalm 107:20** He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
- **Psalm 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- **Psalm 119:116** Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.
- **Psalm 119:11** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
- <u>Hebrews 4:12</u> For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Only one thing can "mess up" the Word – UNBELIEF!

- **<u>Romans 10:17</u>** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- <u>Hebrews 4:2</u> For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.
- <u>James 1:22</u> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- <u>Mark 7:13</u> Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

We know how powerful the Name of Jesus is, and the Bible says that the Word is even above that – because the Word is the very person of Christ!

- **Psalm 138:2** I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- <u>**1 John 5:7**</u> For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- <u>**Revelation 19:13**</u> And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
- **<u>Revelation 4:8</u>** And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

If Jesus is the Word, and if Jesus "was, and is, and is to come," then the WORD OF GOD "was, and is, and is to come." The very same Scriptures that brought us into the church, the very same verses that have kept us through trials over many years, STILL WORK!

• **Deuteronomy 30:14** But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

We are pressed but not crushed

When I am weak, then I am strong

Neither death nor life