

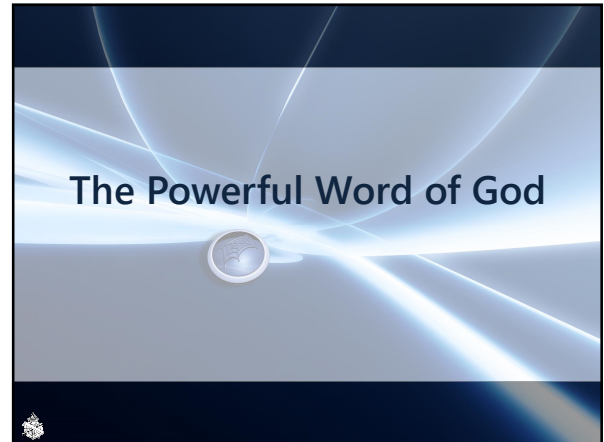
Spring 2017
Gospel
Meeting

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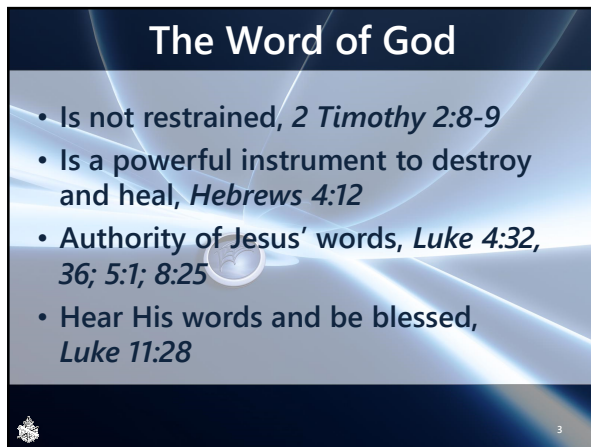
"I Am A Member Of The
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Because ..."

It Respects And
Obeys The Word Of
God

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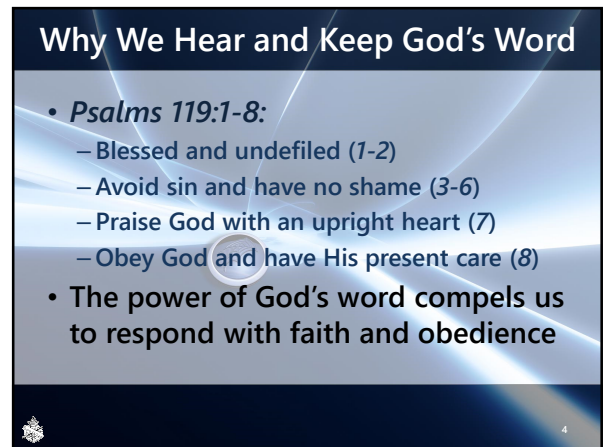
The Powerful Word of God



The Word of God

- Is not restrained, *2 Timothy 2:8-9*
- Is a powerful instrument to destroy and heal, *Hebrews 4:12*
- Authority of Jesus' words, *Luke 4:32, 36; 5:1; 8:25*
- Hear His words and be blessed, *Luke 11:28*

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Why We Hear and Keep God's Word

- *Psalms 119:1-8:*
 - Blessed and undefiled (1-2)
 - Avoid sin and have no shame (3-6)
 - Praise God with an upright heart (7)
 - Obey God and have His present care (8)
- The power of God's word compels us to respond with faith and obedience

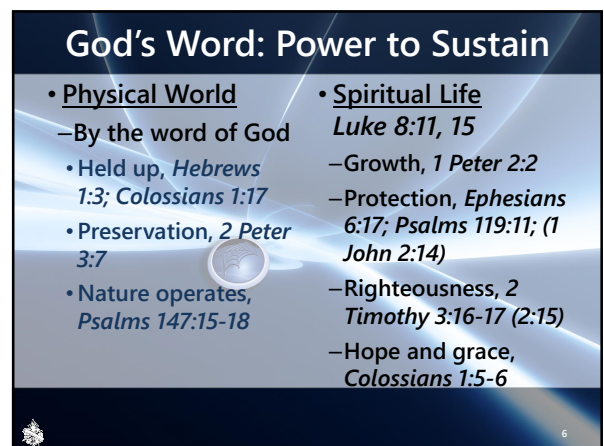
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God's Word: Power to Create

- Physical World
 - By the word of God
 - Framed, *Hebrews 11:3; 2 Peter 3:5*
 - God said ... and there was ... , *Genesis 1:3*
 - "He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast." *Psalms 33:4-9*
- Spiritual Life
 - Every word, *Matthew 4:4*
 - Power to produce faith, *Romans 10:17*
 - Power to save, *Romans 1:16 (James 1:21)*
 - Frees, *John 8:31-32, 51*
 - Sanctifies, *John 17:17*
 - Reconciles, *2 Corinthians 5:19*
 - Cleanses, *Ephesians 5:26*
 - Purifies, eternal, *1 Peter 1:23*

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God's Word: Power to Sustain

- Physical World
 - By the word of God
 - Held up, *Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:17*
 - Preservation, *2 Peter 3:7*
 - Nature operates, *Psalms 147:15-18*
- Spiritual Life
 - Luke 8:11, 15*
 - Growth, *1 Peter 2:2*
 - Protection, *Ephesians 6:17; Psalms 119:11; (1 John 2:14)*
 - Righteousness, *2 Timothy 3:16-17 (2:15)*
 - Hope and grace, *Colossians 1:5-6*

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God's Word: Power to Judge



- Physical World
 - By the word of God
 - Flood, *2 Peter 3:6*
 - Reserved for fire, *2 Peter 3:7, 10, 12*
- Spiritual Life
 - By the word of God
 - All our life, *John 12:48-50; Revelation 20:12*
 - Words, *Matthew 12:36-37*
 - Thoughts and motives, *1 Corinthians 4:5*
 - Actions, *2 Corinthians 5:10*
 - Beliefs and practices, *Matthew 7:21-23*



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Honor God's Powerful Word



- Spend time learning God's word, *Psalms 119:97; 1:2*
- Use God's word each day to avoid sin, *Psalms 119:11, 101-102, 104-105, 133*
- Share God's word with others, *Acts 8:4 (Mark 8:38)*



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God is Active Through His Word



- In the world: God is holding together His creation, and providing salvation through faith in Christ to all who believe and obey His word
- In you: As you respect and obey His word in faith, *Philippians 2:12-13*



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The Word of God

- God's word is a ...
 - Creative force
 - Sustaining force
 - Judging force
- Respect and obey His word to be blessed eternally, *Matthew 7:21*



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