ACTS 5:

42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 16:

25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

*Preaching Jesus Christ is of course about the person of Christ his death, burial and resurrection but I believe we need to understand more about what is been preached.*

*The scripture declares Christ to be the Word of God.*

JOHN 1:

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

 *His physical appearing was the Word made flesh.*

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.

 3056 logos {log'-os} a word, uttered by a living voice, embodies a conception or idea. Taken from the Greek word 3004 lego {leg'-o}

to put word to word in speaking , join words together, i.e. to say.

*Some teaching say that the Word was the Son of God back at that time but by scripture I cannot say that I can say that Christ as the Word of God has existed since God spoke because the is that which was spoken.*

*I believe the gospel is revealed as first to call, then to establish those called and to warn of error that exist and that which is to come.*

*I believe the gospel is all the Word of God, but no one starts by receiving all of the Word but we grow in faith as we hear the gospel.*

HEBREWS 5:

13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

*The true gospel preached produces in substance that which has been spoken, the Word and the Word is Jesus Christ.*

JOHN 5:

46 For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me.

47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

DEUTERONOMY 18:

18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

*Christ was the Word spoken by God and written by Moses standing in flesh before the religions of that day. He was also the Word of God through the prophets coming to past before the eyes of those who could see.*

ZECHARIAH 9:

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

JOHN 12:

14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him.

JOHN 15:

24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

ISAIAH 35

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

JOHN 15:

25 But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

*They were fulfilling scripture also as all of us do.*

PSALM 35:

19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

JOHN 20:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

*Over 200 times the words write or written are repeated.*

*The gospel is the revealing of the Old Testament Scriptures fulfilled through Christ and continuing through the Holy Ghost. The gospel is preaching the scriptural Jesus Christ not preaching just about the person of Jesus Christ alone but the Word of God is Jesus Christ.*

ACTS 24:

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

*Every minister should have this testimony. I believe all things written in the scriptures as they apply in the New Testament.*

*Jesus Christ was also God still speaking the Word.*

HEBREWS 1:

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

JOHN 14:

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

Works: 2041 ergon {er'-gon} an act, deed, thing done.

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Word of God as it has been spoken and ever event in this world both good and bad is a result or revelation of the Word that has been spoken.*

*The true church is God fulfilling His Word in the elect.*

COLOSSIANS 1

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me **mightily**.

PHILIPPIANS 2:

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

*Those that reject God also fulfil His Word.*

PSALM 9:

17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Hell: 7585 sh'owl {sheh-ole'} -- the OT designation for the abode of the dead, place of no return.

*This nation has reached the place of no return and is fulfilling the Word of God that has been spoken for those who forget God*.

ROMANS 1:

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

*Then the Word gives a list of events that will take place which we should see ourselves.*

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

*What does the Word speak about religion*?

II TIMOTHY 3:

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

II PETER 3:

15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are **unlearned and unstable** wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.

*Unlearned does not mean they did not have education, but it means they did not have spiritual understanding and being unstable means they did not have an anchor. The Word also said knowledge would increase which we can see that every day.*

DANIEL 12:

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased

*Christians have an anchor*.

HEBREWS 6:

17 Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath:

18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

*Our hope is in the Word of God*

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

II TIMOTHY 4

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

*What church would let someone who was not in agreement with them come and reason about the Word of God?*

ACTS 17:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

EPHESIANS 3:

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the **power** that worketh in us,

 *1411 dunamis {doo'-nam-is} 1a) inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth*

 *Religions today deny the Word and turn away from the power or authority from God.*

II TIMOTHY 3:

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the **power** thereof: from such turn away.

*What churches deny is the presence of Jesus Christ in each individual to reveal to them his will.*

*Religion often limits the power of God by teaching their traditions*

MARK 7:

13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

*Believing the Word or Scripture as it is written protects us from error or false teaching.*

*Teachers make statements and if you believe the teacher if they are not pointing to the scripture then your faith cannot believe the scriptures.*

“Justin Peters is a well-known proponent of cessationism, the theological view that miraculous spiritual gifts, such as speaking in tongues and healing, ceased with the apostolic age. He argues that these gifts were primarily intended to authenticate the apostles and the early church, and are not meant to be normative for believers today.” https://justinpeters.org/category/articles/

*What does the scripture say?*

ROMANS 12:

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness*.*

I CORINTHIANS 12:

6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

I CORINTHIANS 12:

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

GALATIANS 1:

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

I CORINTHIANS 14:

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

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"The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:8 **The workings of grace in the heart are utterly mysterious and unsearchable.**
  We cannot explain why the Word produces effects on one person in a congregation, and not upon another.
We cannot explain why, in some cases; with every possible advantage, and in spite of every entreaty--people reject the Word, and continue dead in trespasses and sins.

We cannot explain why in other cases; with every possible difficulty, and with no encouragement--people are born again, and become decided Christians.

We cannot define the manner in which the Spirit of God conveys life to a soul, and the exact process by which a believer receives a new nature.

All these are hidden things to us.
We see certain results, but we can go no further.

This is deeply instructive. It is **humbling**no doubt to ministers, and teachers of others.
  The highest abilities,
    the most powerful preaching,
      the most diligent working,
        cannot command success.  **God alone can give spiritual life!**But it is a truth at the same time, which supplies an admirable antidote to excessive anxiety and despondency. Our principal work is to sow the seed. That done, we may wait with faith and patience for the result. We may leave our work with the Lord. He alone can, if He thinks fit, give success.