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## Psalm 119: A Brief Look

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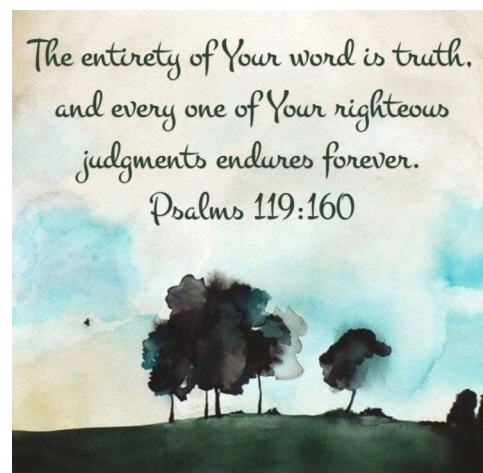


This psalm is an acrostic poem of twenty-two stanzas, following the letters of the Hebrew alphabet; within a stanza, each verse begins with the same Hebrew letter. In the 176 verses of this Psalm, the Psalmist mentions the Holy Scriptures no less than 176 times. The words that he uses to describe God's Word are: commands, commandments, testimonies, law, statutes, word, your words, precepts, promises, rules, ways, wondrous works, and judgments.

The psalmist sets forth the Bible as the way of life and sanctification. He is not simply describing the Word of God; he is pointing out what the people of God should do with it, how they should react to it, and how they should esteem it, and how they should obey it! In other words, the Psalmist is describing how God's people are to receive it, how they are saved by it, and how they will be transformed by it!

He writes: *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever* (v. 160). Everything we see in this Psalm that the psalmist feels, knows, and understands about God's Word is based on his belief that every word that comes from God is absolute truth! That is where we as Christians must start when it comes to God's Word—we must believe it all to be God's absolute truth! If we cannot emphatically say that God's Word is true and without error, then we will never be able to rightly receive it, nor can we ever hope to rightly respond to the Word of God in trusting obedience.

God's Word IS TRUE, and is our final and absolute authority!! Jesus Himself, speaking to His Heavenly Father says: *"your word is truth"* (John 17:17). The psalmist writes: *Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens* (v. 89). *Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true* (v. 142). *But you are near, O LORD, and all your commandments are true*



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## The Word of God: How Does It Work in My Life?



The Holy Spirit takes the Word written and causes it to be the Word living to our souls. Psalm 19 rejoices in this when it says “The law” is “the law *of the Lord*,” “the testimony” is “the testimony *of the Lord*,” “the precepts” are “the precepts *of the Lord*,” “the commandment” is “the commandment *of the Lord*,” and “the rules” are “the rules *of the Lord*.”

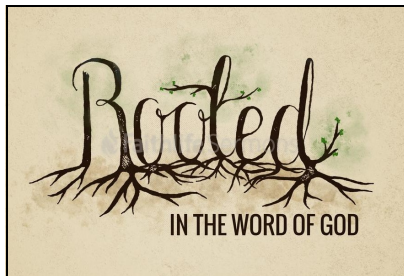
Here are three points how the Word works by the power of the Spirit when we read and hear it: 1. To Effect My Recognition of Sin, 2. To Effect My Reception of the Savior, 3. To Effect My Realization of Sanctification.

In the words of Puritan Thomas Watson, “the word is both a glass to show us the spots of our soul, and a laver to wash them away. The word has a transforming virtue in it; it irradiates the mind, and consecrates the heart.”

(Taken from Ligonier Ministries article by Daniel Hyde, Nov.20, 2013)

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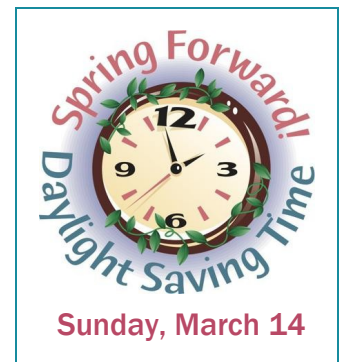
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(v. 151). In what do you take delight? What in your life do you love more than the Word of God? If the words of God are not your chief delight, how can the Word made flesh be your all in all? Listen to the Psalmist: *My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous*

*promise* (v. 123). *I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments* (v. 131). What a picture—panting for God’s word! Desiring God’s word so much that you fear every breath will be your last if you do not take in His Word!

Praise God for giving us His written Word! Dear ones, we should always be firmly rooted in God’s Word. It is life, peace, instruction and protection. Praise God for giving us His only begotten Son! Christ Jesus is the Living Word made flesh! He is to be everything to the believer!



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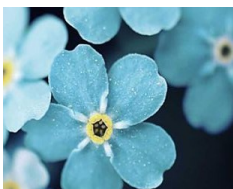


**LORD'S DAY**  
**BIBLE STUDY 9:30 AM**  
**MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 AM**  
**MEN'S STUDY GROUP**  
**FIRST SUNDAY 1:30 PM**  
**SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY**  
**SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS**  
**1:30 AT EBC or 4:30 AT WATERS' HOME**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>The Ladies meeting</i> 11:00 AM Bobbie's Trailer	6 Skylark Walk for Life
7 Lord's Supper Men's Bible Study	8	9	10		12	13
14 Small Group Bible Study	15	16	17	18	19	20 Brothers In Christ 10:00 AM Spring Begins
21 Daylight Saving Time Begins Rachel & Tyler Celebration	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Small Group Bible Study	29	30	31			

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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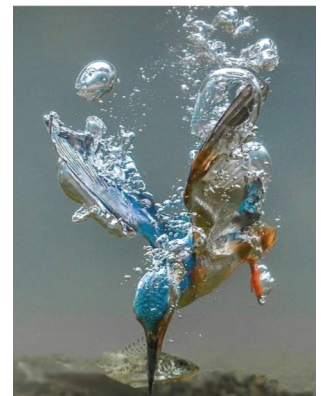


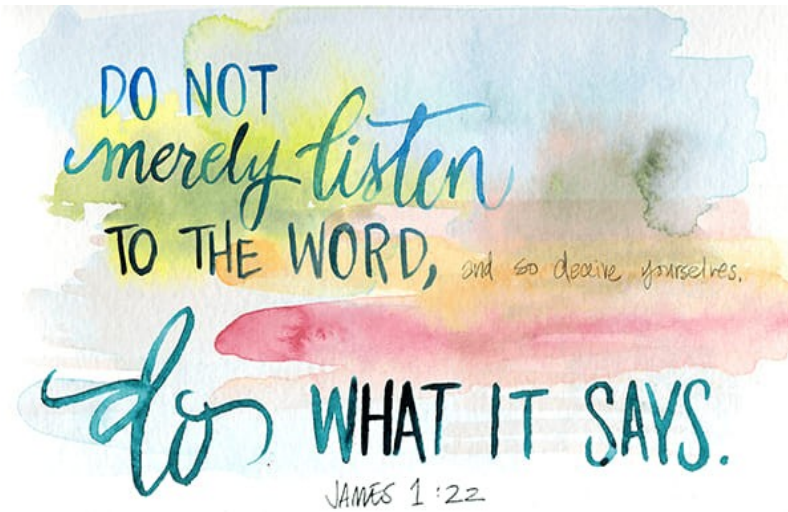
**WEDNESDAY**

**PRAYER MEETING**  
**11:30 AM-EBC SANCTUARY**

**THURSDAY & SATURDAY**  
**6:00 PM VESPERS - FACEBOOK**

O how I love thy law! It is my meditatin all the day.  
 -Psalm 119:97





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