THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

A. The Integrity of God
1. Hebrews 4:12 (Phillips) – “For the Word that God speaks is alive and active…”
   a. (TLB) – “For whatever God says to us is full of living power.”
2. No promise of God can fail to be fulfilled.
3. God is faithful to back His Word.
   a. Hebrews 10:23 – “Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)
   b. Isaiah 55:11 – “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void…”
   c. Isaiah 40:8 – “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”
   d. Jeremiah 1:12 – “…for I will hasten my word to perform it.”

B. The Nature of God's Word Is Miraculous
1. God's Word has the ability to create, destroy, and perfect.
   a. All things were created by the Word.
      i. Genesis 1
      ii. John 1:1-3
   b. Colossians 1:16 – “For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.”
   c. God's Word will destroy the mountains of life.
      i. Mark 11:12-24
   d. Matthew 8:16 – “…and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick.”
   e. Luke 4:32 – “…for his word was with power.”
   f. The Church is perfected by the Word.
      i. Ephesians 5:26-27
C. How the Word Affects the Believer

1. We are recreated by the Word.
   a. James 1:18 – “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”
   b. 1 Peter 1:23 – “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.”

2. The Word imparts God’s nature to us.
   a. 2 Peter 1:2-4 – “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature…” (v.4)
   b. John 1:12 – “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”
   c. John 10:10 – “…I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

3. The Word is our contract with the Father and His contract with us.
   a. John 14:23 – “…If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”
   b. John 15:7 – “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

4. The Word renews our minds.
   a. Romans 12:2 – “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind…”
   b. Colossians 3:10 – “And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.”

5. The Word conforms us to the image of Jesus.
   a. 2 Corinthians 3:18 – “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”
   b. Romans 8:29 – “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

6. We are healed by the Word.
   a. Psalm 107:20 – “He sent his word, and healed them…”
   b. The Word is health or medicine to our flesh.
      i. Proverbs 4:20-24
7. We are built up by the Word.
   a. Acts 20:32 – “And now, brethren I commend you to God, and to the
      word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an
      inheritance among all them which are sanctified.”
   b. Proverbs 4:7 – “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and
      with all thy getting get understanding.”

8. Our faith is developed by the Word.
   a. Romans 10:17 – “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word
      of God.”
   b. The Word is spirit food.
      i. Jeremiah 15:16 – “Thy words were found, and I did eat them…”
      ii. Job 23:12 – “…I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my
          necessary food.”

   a. Psalm 1:3 – “And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that
      bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and
      whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”
THE POWER OF GOD’S WORD - REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Whatever God says to us is full of __________ __________.

2. No promise of God can __________ to be fulfilled.

3. The Word of God stands __________.

4. God’s Word can __________, __________, and __________.

5. __________ things were created by the Word.

6. Jesus cast out spirits with His __________.

7. According to Ephesians 5, the __________ is perfected by the Word.

8. Nine Ways the Word Impacts the Believer:
   We are __________ by the Word; He begat us with the __________.
   The Word imparts God’s __________ to us. To as many as received Him, He gave
   power to become __________.
   The Word is our __________ with the Father and His __________ with us. If we
   love Him, we keep His __________.
   The Word renews our __________.
   The Word conforms us to the image of __________.
   We are __________ by the Word. It is __________ to our flesh.
   We are __________ up by the Word.
   Our __________ is developed by the Word. The Word is __________ food.
   The Word makes us __________.
THE POWER OF GOD’S WORD - REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. (living power)
2. (fail)
3. (forever)
4. (create, destroy, perfect)
5. (All)
6. (Word)
7. (Church)
8. (recreated, Word)
   (nature, sons)
   (contract, contract, words)
   (mind)
   (Jesus)
   (healed, medicine/health)
   (built)
   (faith, spirit)
   (fruitful)