

# But . . . ‘What is the Word of God’?

By Rev. Julia Schwert

**“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”** – John 4:24

**“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”** – Genesis 1:26-27

**W**hat is the Image of God? **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”** – I

John 5:7

**Genesis 1:1-2** – **“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”**

1. Two parts of the Godhead are mentioned here: The **Father God** and the **Spirit of God.**)

**W**hen was the last or third part of the Godhead first mentioned?

**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 . . .”**

- Who is ‘the Word’ that was in the beginning? It was the ‘real’ Jesus that we cannot see.
- Do you picture “Jesus” when you read “in the beginning was the Word”? The ‘flesh’ Jesus had not yet appeared; therefore, it **cannot** be the flesh Jesus that we so often picture in our mind.
- To understand and see this, we have to know the definition of the word. Word defined: A unit of language, consisting of one or more spoken sounds or their written representation that functions as a principal carrier of meaning.-

**Genesis 1:3** – **“And God said, Let there be light; and there was light.”**

- The **third** word in the above scripture gives us the second part of the Godhead. The ‘principal carrier’ of what God was doing was Jesus, who is the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Godhead. This 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Godhead were the actual words that God spoke!
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the Godhead, the Spirit of God did the creating that was spoken into existence by Father God.
- No wonder God sent Jesus to the world to redeem us back to Himself. Jesus is the principal carrier of what God is doing!

**H**ow are we created in God’s image? What does that mean?

- God made us spiritual beings just like He is a spiritual being.
- God speaks the Word and the Spirit of God does the creating.
- As we speak, we put the words we speak into motion (by the spirit) and soon what we speak is made manifest (obvious) to our natural eyes.
  - Remember, **“A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.”** – Proverbs 15:4
    - Wholesome defined: conducive to moral or general well-being; beneficial
      - A tongue that speaks beneficial words is a tree of life.
    - Perverseness defined: contrary to what is right or good; wicked or depraved; characterized by or resulting from willful opposition or resistance to what is right, expected, or reasonable
      - A tongue that speaks wicked or resists what is right causes a break in what God desires you to have. You cannot have what you do not speak no matter how much God desires good for you.
  - **“He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.”** – Proverbs 13:3

- Sometimes we open our mouth and ‘talk too much.’ Ever listen to someone talk? If they talk long enough, they will tell you things they never meant to tell you, especially if they were attempting to keep something from you. *Give them enough rope; they will hang themselves.*
- **“A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth: but the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence.” – Proverbs 13:2**
  - What are you speaking? If good things, you will reap good fruit. If bad things, you will reap bad fruit. – A transgressor will be sowing/speaking negative/bad words; you will reap what you sow. The transgressor will reap violence; not because he likes violence, but because he has sown violence.
  - It is **your** mouth. What are **you letting** come out of it?
- **“Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.” – Proverbs 21:23**
  - Those who watch what they are saying will keep themselves from troubles. Sure, you will have trouble in life just because you are living. However, many troubles come to us because of what we are speaking. What are you speaking?
- **“Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” – Proverbs 18:21**
  - You will either receive good or evil according to the quality of your speeches.
  - What is the quality of your speech? What are you saying?

***“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” – Colossians 3:16***

Remember the centurion in Matthew 8:8 knew the importance of words! He had a servant who was sick. He went to Jesus and told him, “**You don’t need to come to my house. Just speak the**

***word only, and my servant shall be healed.***” The centurion knew the words of Jesus would heal.

Since you are created in God’s image. **Your words can heal!** (God, the creator, made you like himself!) But in order for them to heal, **you must speak them!** Remember, if you think the words they are mere thoughts in your mind. When you speak the words, the **spirit realm goes into action to perform** what has been spoken! We have been living far below where God designed us to live and accomplish!