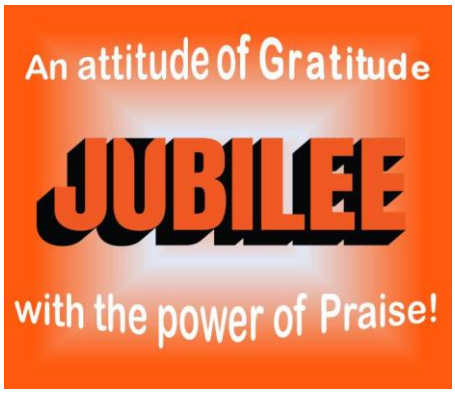


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Yesterday morning at Jubilee was a good time to stretch your mind by acknowledging the truth that God speaks to you. I know that most of us believe it, at least mostly, right? But because of the times that things don't happen or line up down from what we believe we heard, we just seem to start backing up. So the purpose for yesterday was to build our faith in the "words" that we hear and the things that we "see" that motivate our actions because we believe that God Himself is giving us direction. So we said, "Consider this, before they were scripture they were words "

It's a beautiful and encouraging thing to think about. As we pointed out, Paul wrote to Timothy that "...**every scripture is God-breathed..."** (2Tim 3:16) The Greek word for "scripture" is *graphe*, "writing". In the New Testament it is used to describe "Holy Writ", what we refer to as The Bible or "The Word of God". Then, some translations use the word "inspiration", others "inspired by", but *theopneustos* is literally "God-breathed". So you get the picture, before they were written down they were spoken out from God. Now, something that we didn't talk about yesterday is that sometimes there's no second phase. In other words, they go straight from God to page without being "spoken" first. But again, even in that case, "before they were written they were words." As I'm typing right now, I'm hearing in my mind before, or even as, I'm typing out the line. But let's talk about Jesus.

Ro 10:17 informs us that faith comes out from hearing, and hearing through the word of God. We all know this, right? But some Greek texts say "word of Christ". Does that change anything? And "hearing" is *akoe*, not *akouo*, meaning it's a noun, not a verb. So it's not *that you hear*, but *what you hear*. It's "the report". So is this "The Word of God" or "the report about Christ", or ""Christ's report"? It's actually all of the above! To be saved by faith through grace happens through the faith out from hearing the report concerning Christ.

Every word from God is "God-breathed" filled with Spirit and Life, whether or not, before and after, it's written down/ And the report that Jesus gave is certainly The Word of God because He is the Word of God! Is this fun or what?! Moving on...

In both Matthew and Luke we find what we refer to as "The Beatitudes", the blessings pronounced by Jesus at the beginning of His teaching that day to the multitudes. At the conclusion of His teaching He said, **"Whoever hears these words of mine and performs them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock."** (Mt 7:24) The words of His teaching formed a foundation for the knowledge of walking in the Kingdom of God out from faith through an understanding of the power of love. These words are Spirit and Life. Before they were written down, they were His spoken words. Yet even now as we read them, we also "hear" them! So where are we going? God still speaks His words, both to you and through you!

Paul told Timothy that scripture is "**useful when engaging in teaching, engaging in giving evidence, or engaging in correction that brings improvement, for engaging in training to be in the state of him who is how he ought to be",** (2Tim 3:16, Enhanced) And when God speaks His words into you they are God breathed too; good for instruction, correction, and direction!

We need to hear from God every day, our steps need to be "ordered of The Lord". We need to know His way, what to do, where to go, and *what to say*. That's why He has sent His Spirit to dwell in you. Eph 4:7 says that "...**each one of us has been given grace down from the measure of the gift of Christ."** Jn 3:34 tells us that His measure is unlimited. That's what we've been given! He was sent from God with the Words of God in the fullness of The Spirit of God, and "**out from His fullness we all have received grace for grace.**" (Jn 1:16) Hallelujah!

Love never fails!

