

The 2nd Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, March 13, 2022

“Living & Active: How the Bible Changes Us”

“And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.” (2 Cor 3:18)

6 WAYS GOD USES HIS WORD TO CHANGE US

#1. God’s Word changes us by _____.

2 images from Scripture that describe this process:

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“He chose to give us birth through the word of truth...” (James 1:8)

“From a child you have known the Holy Scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation. (2 Timothy 3:15)

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“You have been born, again not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.” (1 Peter 1:23)

“Humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you.” (James 1:21)

#2. God’s Word changes us by _____.

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Rom 1:8)

“Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word.” (Ephesians 5:25)

“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.” (Jn 15:3)

#3. God’s Word changes us by _____.

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

“These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life.” (John 20:31)

#4. God’s Word changes us by _____.

“... just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

• **God’s Word helps us grow by providing: _____**

“...Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields their fruit in its season and their leaves does not wither. In all they do, they prosper.” (Psalm 1:1-3)

• **God’s Word helps us grow by providing: _____**

“All Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness...” (2 Timothy 3:16)

#5. God’s Word changes us by _____.

“Understanding your Word brings light to the minds of ordinary people.”

(Psalm 119:130)

“I will meditate on your precepts, and fix my eyes on your ways.” (v. 15)

“I honour and love your commands. I meditate on your decrees.” (v. 48)

“Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.” (v. 148))

“Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” (Psalm 119:18)

#6. God’s Word changes us by _____.

“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” (Romans 15: 4)

“I waited patiently for the LORD to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground...” (Psalm 40:1-3)



“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12)

Do you want to live happily ever after?

Are you willing to allow the Bible to change and transform you into the likeness of Jesus?

Do you believe God’s Word is living & active?

Are you willing to stand on God’s Word?