

THE APPEARANCE



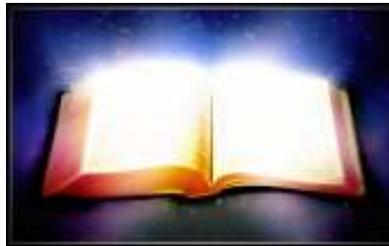
Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
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RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



THE LIVING WORD #3



Psalm 119:103-105: *“How sweet are your words unto my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”*

There is nothing more enjoyable than reading the word of God when you are spiritually hungry; there is nothing like coming into the presence of the Heavenly Father when your heart thirsts to be in His presence. I do not know what I would do living in today's world if I did not have the Lord living within my heart. ***This world has become so wicked and evil that I'm starting to feel homesick even when I am at home.***

There is something about the Living Word that when you are feeling discouraged, frustrated and down all you have to do is open the Bible and the words jump out at you and begin to minister to you through the Holy Spirit. ***If you will allow it, He will feed you like a little lamb. But you must come to Him humbly as a little lamb, and ask Him to feed you as His little lamb.***

These modern day theologians may say all the right words and verb conjugations, but they are missing the most important element: the holy presence of God. What good is a teaching, a message or even reading the Bible if the presence of God is not there? ***Sure, there are lots of people who know the Bible inside out, but when you talk to them personally you quickly find out that they are missing the spirit of the Author of the Bible.***

The spirit of the world has a way of robbing people of the sense of God's presence. The LORD is not going to make His presence real when you read His word if you do not expect to hear from Him, or have a desire to do so. Most believers read the Bible as if it were any other

book. ***There is nothing natural about the Bible; it is a super-natural book, about a super-natural God that moves in super-natural ways.***

The worldly spirit is too much among the people of God, resulting in His presence not being felt, and much worse not being missed. ***This worldly spirit will grieve the precious Holy Spirit, so that when you read the Bible it will become dry and stale to you instead of alive, vibrant and life giving.*** Believers have settled for the trappings of religion and appear to be content without any awareness of His divine presence.

Their religion is so formal and routine that feeling the presence of God is not an issue with them. ***They have gotten so used to being without the tangible presence of God that they could not recognize it even if their own lives depended on it.*** Few walk with the Lord in this present revelation so as to be able to receive the full benefit whenever they do read the Bible.

Through the illumination of the Holy Spirit the written word becomes a Vibrant Living Word, having relevant meaning for our present circumstances and situations. It has the ability to speak to your problem, your pain, your sorrow, your situation and your dreams and visions. Whenever the Holy Spirit breathes upon the Bible, it becomes alive and it impregnates you with a Holy passion for His divine presence.

The Bible contains all the written word of God. This is called the Logos. We must all read the Logos to know what it says. ***However, when we need a specific word for a specific situation what we really need is a Rhema. The Logos is the River; a Rhema is a cup of water from the River that became Living Water to satisfy and quench our thirsting hearts.*** Shalom.