

FAITH CHAT

with James & John

What Is The Ultimate Word Of God?

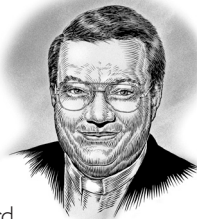
Know This...

The dictionary says "Word" is a noun and is something that is spoken, written, or printed to convey information. In the Christian world, Apostolic Tradition is the Word of God; Sacred Scripture is the Word of God; the Magisterium of the Church interprets the Word of God; but Jesus revealed that the Word of God is more than just a book. It's a Person. Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, is the ultimate Word of God.



John: When we become conscious of ourselves, we form an image of ourselves in our minds. Likewise, the eternal Father, knowing Himself, eternally begets the eternal Word, His Son.

James: Jesus is the eternal voice and powerful utterance of our Father in heaven. He took on human flesh to save us and to reveal His Father's love, wisdom, and truth.



John: The Apostles received the Word of God and deposited it in the Church. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, continues to profess the Word in oral and written Apostolic Tradition.

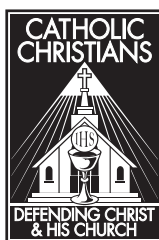
James: Our intellect is capable of acknowledging a being greater than ourselves; but, we can only come to know God intimately through His Word.

John: The Word can open minds and hearts to the will of the Father.

James: The Word can bring us to faith and hope in Him. It can lead us to conversion and salvation.

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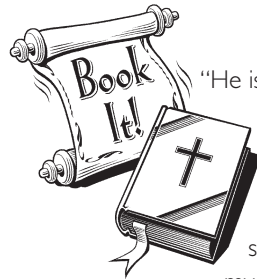
The Apostle John proclaimed, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth." ^{Jn 1:1, 14} Jesus asserted, "And if anyone hears my words and does not observe them, I do not condemn him, for I did not come to condemn the world but to save the world. Whoever rejects me and does not accept my words has something to judge him: the word that I spoke, it will condemn him on the last day, because I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and speak." ^{Jn 12:47-49}



"There is only one God, and none other besides Him; the Creator of the world who brought forth all things out of nothing through His Word, first of all sent forth. This Word is called His Son." ^{Tertullian} "Christ, the Son of God made man, is the Father's one, perfect, and unsurpassable Word. In Him He has said everything; there will be no other word than this one." ^{ccc 65}

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"In giving us His Son, His only Word, He spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word—He has no more to say...because what He spoke before to the prophets in parts, He has now spoken all at once by giving us the All Who is His Son." ^{St. John of the Cross} "When I see the need there is for divine teaching and how hungry people are to hear it, I am atremble to be off and running throughout the world, preaching the Word of God." ^{St. Anthony Mary Claret}



"He is clad in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which He is called is The Word of God." ^{Rev 19:13} God said, "And as the rain and snow come down from heaven, and return no more thither, but soak the earth and water it, and make it to spring and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater: so shall my Word be, which shall go forth from my mouth." ^{Is 55:10-11a} "Indeed the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two edged sword." ^{Heb 4:12a}

Most Holy Word of God, source of my salvation, I acknowledge, accept, and love You. You brought me into existence, made me a member of Your Church, and nurture me in doing good deeds. I pray that I will grow ever more worthy of Your gifts of love. Open my mind to the fullness of your divine revelation that I might be Your vehicle in preaching the Word always and everywhere. I offer praise and glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

