

Heb 4:12

“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

Quick

- **Doesn't mean its speed. Same word "quick" that Peter talks about (1 Peter 4:5)** “Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the **quick** (a live) and the **dead**.”
 - Quick means alive.
 - **(Ps 119:130)** “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”
 - **(Eph 2:1)** “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.” Made us that were dead in sin alive in Christ.
- **(Col. 2:13)** “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;”
- **(James 1:18)** “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”
- **(John 6:63)** “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”
- This is what Jesus Christ meant when he said, “Except a man be born of **water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” **(John 3:5)**
 - “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” **(1 Peter 1:23)**
- **The word quickens or resurrects our dead state** – **(1 Peter 1:23)** “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”
 - **How does it resurrect our dead state?** – **(1 Cor 1:18)** “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
 - Preaching of how Christ died for our sins.
 - **(Rom 6:3-4)** “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Powerful

- **(Rom 1:16-17)** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: **for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”
 - Powerful because it's revealed from God.
 - **(2 Tim 3:16-17)** “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”
- Powerful because the Word produces Faith.

- (Rom 10:17) “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- Great Commission testifies of this.
 - (Mark 16:15-16) “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach** the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
 - (Matt 28:19-20) “Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”
- Power was demonstrated on the Day of Pentecost.
 - (Acts 2:36-41) “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.”
 - The **double-edged sword** cut them to the heart.
 - The Word of God was revealed to the Apostles and they told them what they must do.
 - It is also revealed unto us by the Bible
 - It has **power** and is not a **dead letter**
- If we would preach the word just as the apostles did, we would have great multitudes added to our numbers too
- We need to use this power of God.
 - (2 Tim 4:2-4) “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”
 - (James 1:21) “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **save your souls**.”

Dividing soul and spirit and joints and marrow

- Divide the mind from the soul
 - Destroys the man with sin. (Rom 7:9) “For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.”
 - Cuts you to the bone.

- Cause you to fall out with sin.
- It is persuasive not coercive. “Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we **persuade** men.” (2 Cor 5:11)
- Man in sin is dead. (Eph 2:1) “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;” (vrs. 5) “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”

Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- (Rom 7:7) “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.”
- Wouldn’t know a sin is a sin unless we’re told by God.
- The word of God will show us the right path
- (2 Cor 10:5) “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**”
- **Turns the heart to the Gospel of Christ!**
 - (John 3:16) How will we be saved?
 - (2 Cor 5:19,21) “To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. For he hath made him to be **sin** for us, who knew no **sin**; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
 - (John 1:29) “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the **sin** of the world.”
 - Sin – not sins – the division of God and man.
 - The veil in the temple was torn when Christ died – Reconciliation
 - (1 Tim 1:15-16) “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.”
 - Bore all our sins.
 - All we must do is pick up our cross and follow him.
 - Do as he has taught and commanded.
 - **Mark 16:16**