

***Sermon Title:* "GOD'S LIVING, POWERFUL WORD"**

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Central Idea: The Word of God can refer both to the living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ and to the written Word, the Bible. Do you love the living Word and the written Word?

Introduction: Our text for today does not make it clear whether it's referring to the living Word or to the written Word. The answer to this is of God! He has so joined His living Word to His written Word that they cannot be divided in our thinking. The only Christ we know is the Christ who comes to us on the pages of Scripture. The Word lives because it is His Word, and that Word alone gives life.

I. God's Word Lives

1. God's Word lives because it is the Word of the living God. (John 6:63)
2. God's Word lives because it gives life. (1Peter 1:23)
3. God's Word lives because it has inherent energy. (John 18:6; Rev. 19:15)

II. God's Word Cuts

1. God's Word cuts perfectly, v. 12. (Eph. 6:17)
2. God's Word cuts thoroughly, v. 12.

III. God's Word Exposes

1. God's Word exposes personally, v. 12. (Hebrews 3:8, 10; 8:10; 10:22; 13:9)
2. God's Word exposes universally. "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight."
3. God's Word exposes powerfully, v. 13.

Conclusion: What a potent thing is the Word of God! To know the life it gives we must saturate ourselves in that very Word. We must let it cut, penetrate, expose, and then give the only healing that is healing indeed. Are you allowing God's Word to do its work?