

Word of Christ



Christ is the focus of every single word of the Bible. Every verse finds its fulfillment in Him. (Luke 24:24,44). The Scriptures teach that Christ is our **Prophet, Priest and King**.

As you read the Bible, the Word of Christ, take an inner posture of humility and reflection. Through his Spirit and by his grace you can use this pattern to respond to his Word:

Conviction

Christ is our **Prophet**. He speaks and we listen (Deuteronomy 18:15; Matthew 3:17; Hebrews 12:25). His Spirit will convict us as we read, study, hear, memorize and listen to his Word. *What word has convicted you?*

When you find a verse(s) which convicts you and you want to study it further, make a note and come back to it. Read the verse(s) slowly and reflectively. Write it in a journal. Ask questions about the text. Find answers through prayer, study bibles, good commentaries or online searches. Take notes of your reflections. Have a posture of a learner and child-like faith.

Confession

Christ is our **Priest**. He was sacrificed once and for all (Hebrews 9:11; 10:12; 1 Timothy 2:5). His Spirit leads us to confess our sin and our need for the blood of Jesus and his Word to clean us. *What sins do you confess in response to this Word?*

Read the verse with the prayer: "Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!" (Psalm 139:23-24). In response to these reflections, pray (or write out a prayer) of confession seeking Christ to forgive your sins. Confess sins of omission (unintentional) and commission (intentional) in word, thought and deed. Is there a sin to confess? An attitude to change? A hardened heart? Claim the promise of gospel that "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Commitment

Christ is our **King** (Psalm 2:6). He rules over us (Luke 1:33). We must obey his Word and willingly walk in the obedience of faith (Hebrews 10:7; Romans 1:5). By his Spirit and grace we have power to obey his commandments. *What has the King led you to commit to do in obedience to him?*

Read the verse(s) again and look for any commands to obey and promises to claim. Pray (or write out a prayer) of commitment to Christ. By the power of God's grace, what will you do to put off sin and walk in new obedience. Pray for the Lord's strength to obey. Seek accountability to follow through on your commitment. "Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act." (Psalm 37:5). Close with a prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the finished work of Christ on the cross. Rest at his feet in silence, awe and worship.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in your richly" (Colossians 3:16)

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Meditation



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Verse(s) Reference: _____

1. Conviction

2. Confession

3. Commitment
