

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in Truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” 1 Thessalonians 2:13 KJV



An effect is the result of a cause. Running water causes the mill wheel to “effectually” turn. God’s Word says, “My Word...that goeth forth out of my mouth...shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that...whereto I sent it.” God’s Word received (believed) effects the transformation of your life! “LET

this mind (God’s Word) be in you which was also in Christ.” Many receive Christ, the Word, for salvation, but neglect Him for daily living. They try to be Christians without Christ. Jesus is God and God is His Word! Jesus said “Without me ye can do NOTHING!” He is the Word of God made flesh written in our hearts and minds. “Ye are...the epistle (letter) of Christ...written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God...in...the heart.” If God’s Word isn’t in your thoughts effecting obedience, you have not received Christ! “As many as RECEIVED Him (God’s Word), to them gave He power to become the sons of God. Received ye the Spirit by the works of the Law (your efforts), or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish, having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?” If someone SAYS they believe, but there’s no obedience to God’s Word, they are a liar. “He that saith, ‘I know him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.” If you want a red car, you must know your colors and JUDGE the color of cars you see. It’s not that you have anything against green! I can JUDGE my deeds and your deeds by knowing God’s Word! If I know God’s Word, obedience will be plain to see. Without God’s Word effecting the thoughts of a man, there are no “works (acts) of righteousness.” They are only the actions of man of which God says, “All your righteousness (good) is as filthy rags!” Man is “born in iniquity and in sin.” You can’t make biscuits with mud and sinful men cannot be Holy without God. “There is none good; no, not one! For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God! ” Men’s good always has a sinful motive from pride to greed! To be “works of righteousness,” deeds must be obedience to God’s Word through faith. “It is God (His Word) which worketh in you; both to will AND TO DO of His good pleasure. Other foundation can no man lay than...Jesus Christ. If any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, or wood, hay, stubble; [his] work shall be made manifest...because...the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.” Fire can’t destroy gold, silver, or diamonds!

God’s Word has done a work in me,
And it will shine for men to see,
If of myself I claim no fame,
But I do all in Jesus’ name! ~CGP

Faith is the EFFECT of God’s Word in a man! Trials are the darkness which make faith shine!

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost: Which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour.” Titus 3:5-6 KJV