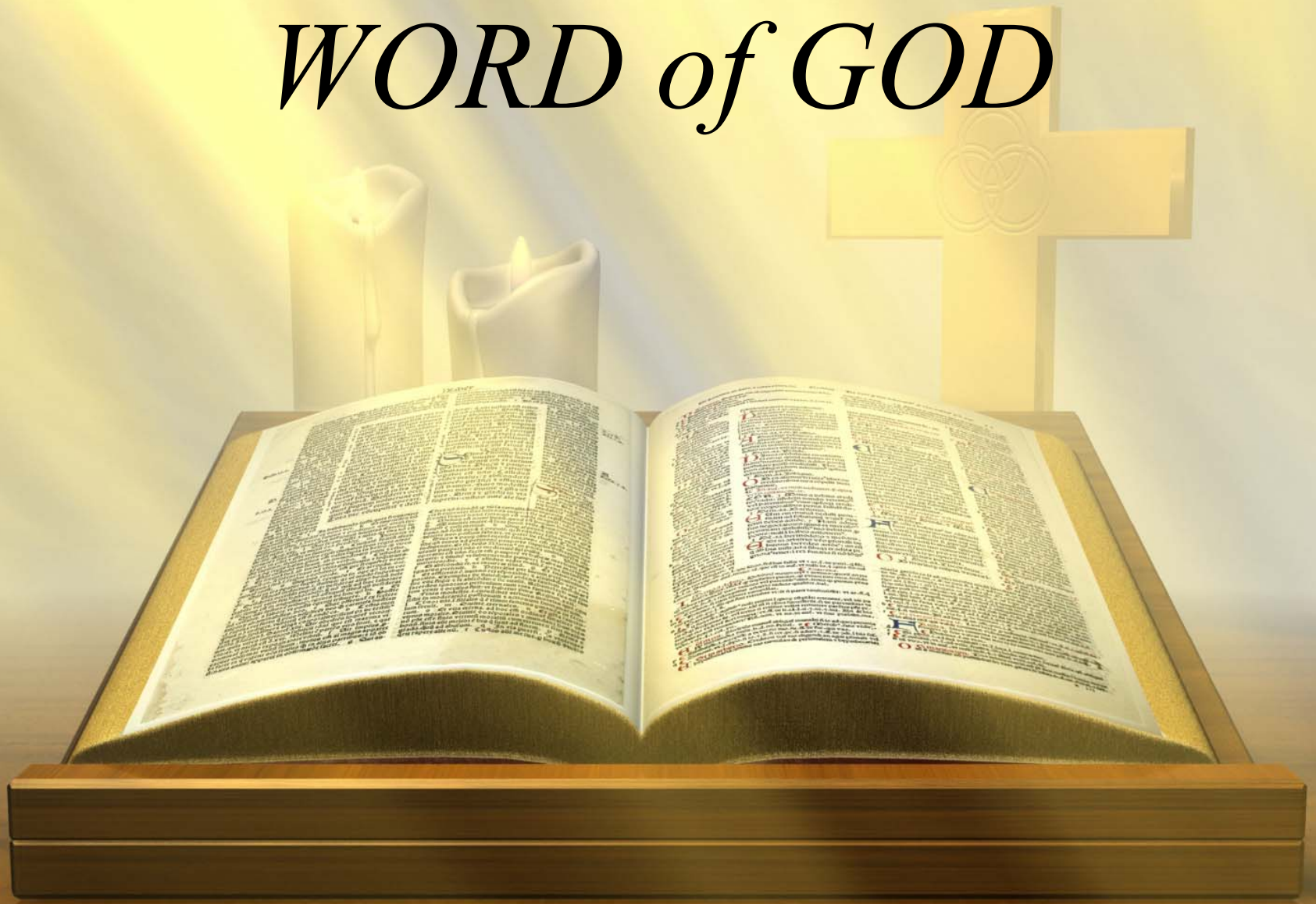


# *WORD of GOD*



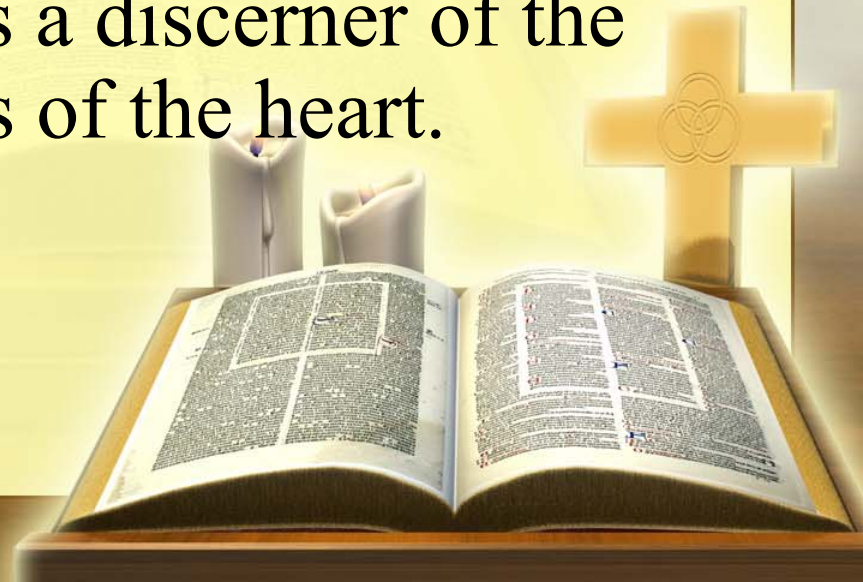
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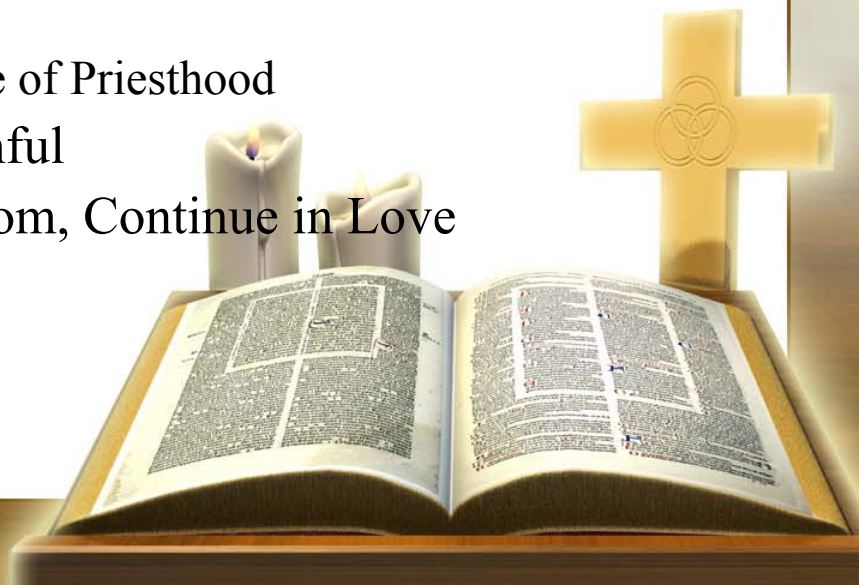
# Hebrews 4:12

For the Word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



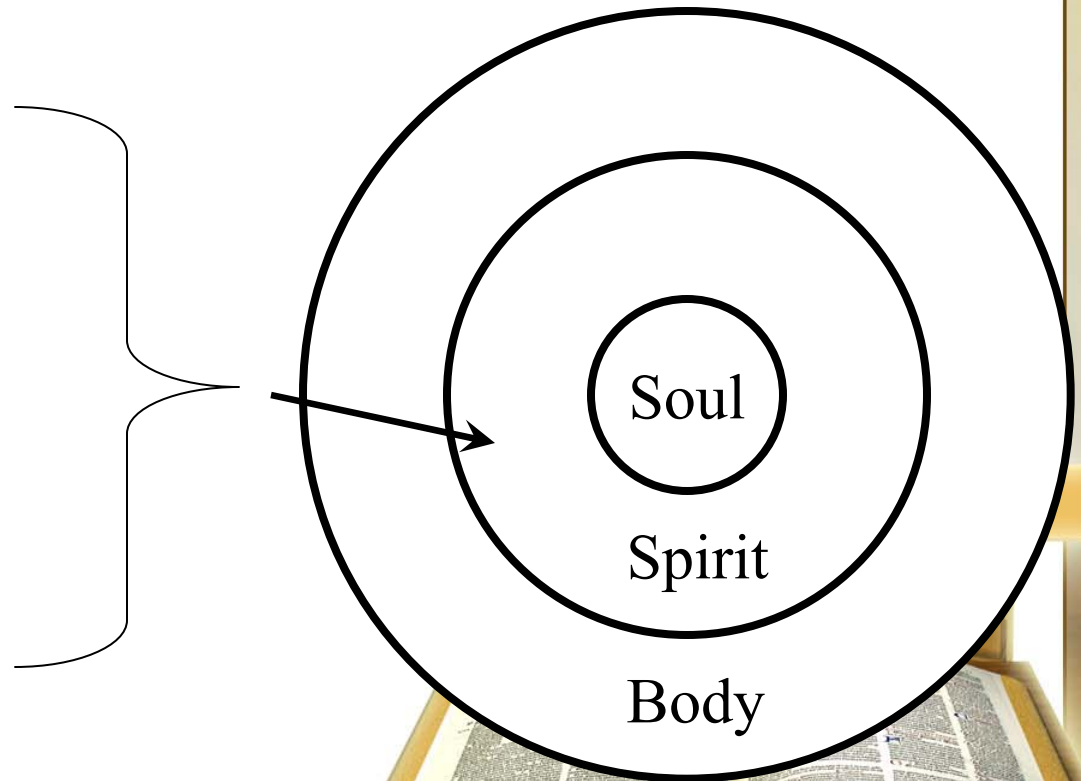
# Context

- God has spoken through His Son – “Today”
- Son is greater than the Angels
- Son appointed & found faithful
- Joshua did not give the promised “Rest”
- Jesus will give rest to the obedient
- Jewish Christians were “Coasting” (Application)
- Jewish Christians were cling to the Law of Moses & Traditions
- New High Priest
  - Therefore NEW:
    - Law, Sanctuary, Sacrifice, Service of Priesthood
- Cloud of witness, gone on before, faithful
- Hear Him “Today”, receive the Kingdom, Continue in Love



# Word of God – Hebrews 4:12

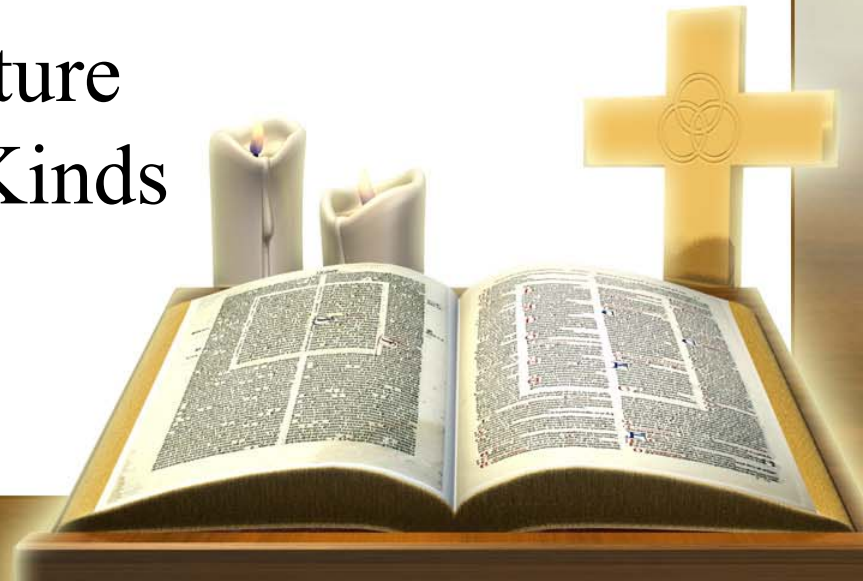
- **LIVING**
  - present now
- **POWERFUL**
  - unfailing
- **SHARP**
  - judges



# Image of God

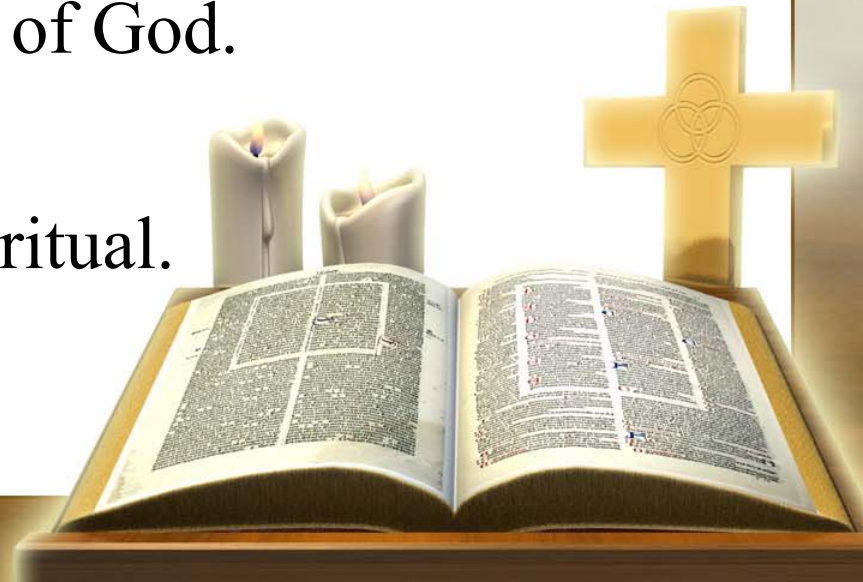
- Father
- Son
- Spirit
- Man
- Woman

Same Nature  
Different Kinds



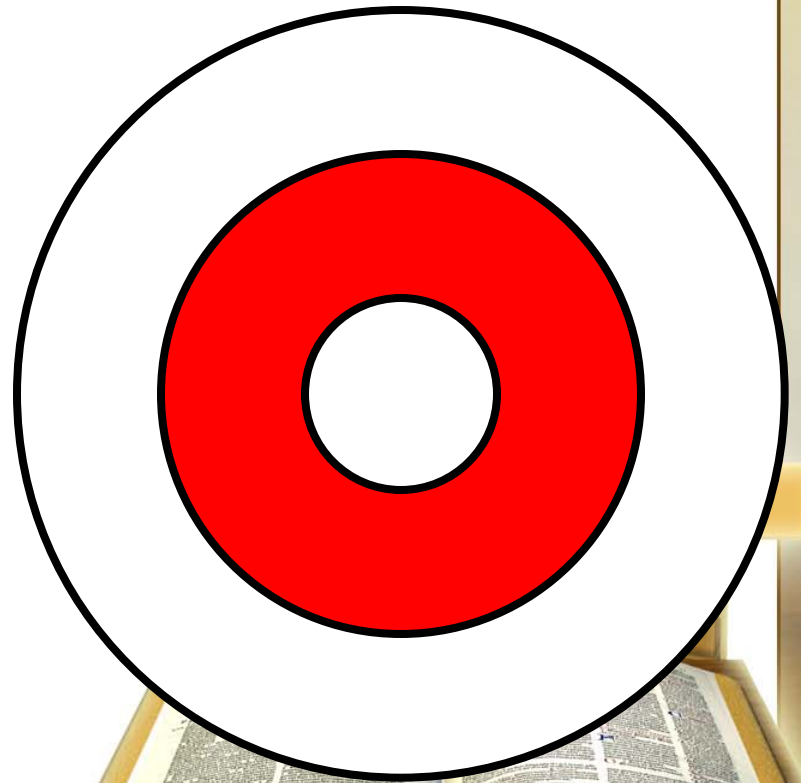
# Image of God

- How is man made in God's Image?
- Genesis 1:26-27, 5:3, 9:6
- 6754 – To shade, a phantom, illusion, resemblance, a representative figure.
- Man is to make no likeness of God.
- Man is flesh, God is spirit.
- Part of man is eternal & spiritual.



# Spirit

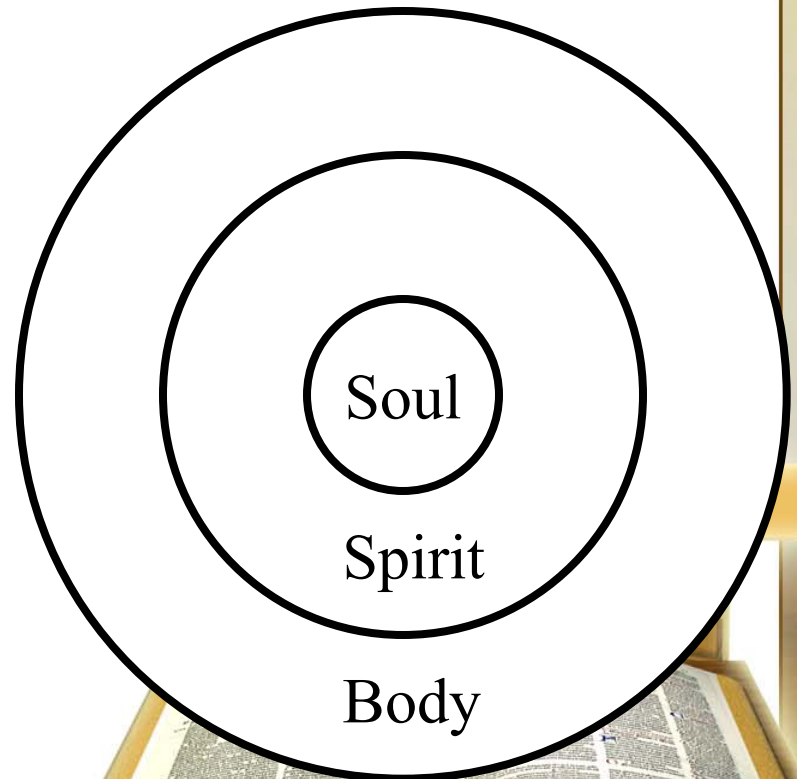
- Heart
  - Feelings
- Mind
  - Thoughts
  - Understanding
- Will
  - Motives (Intents)



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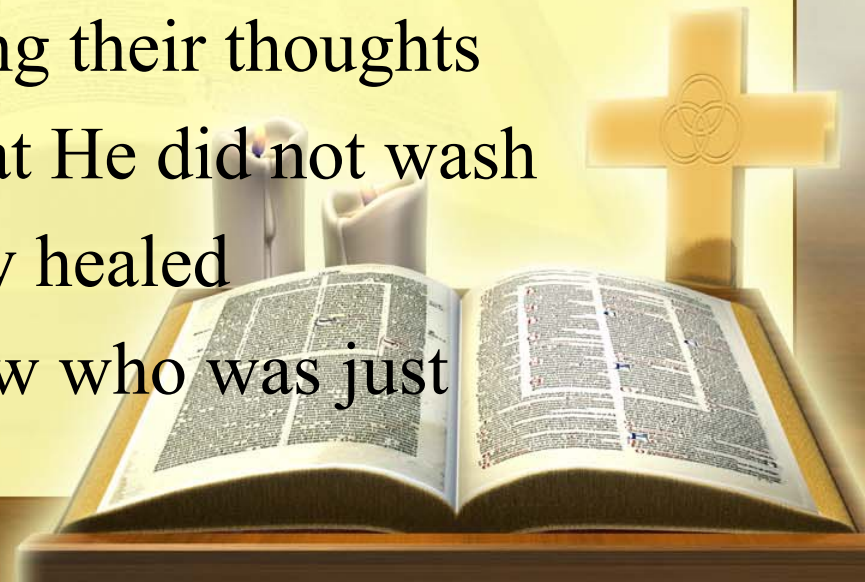
# Spirit – Heart, Mind, Will

- Soul will live forever
- Body & Spirit do not decide if the Soul lives forever
- Body & Spirit do decides where it lives
- Body & Spirit effect the Soul



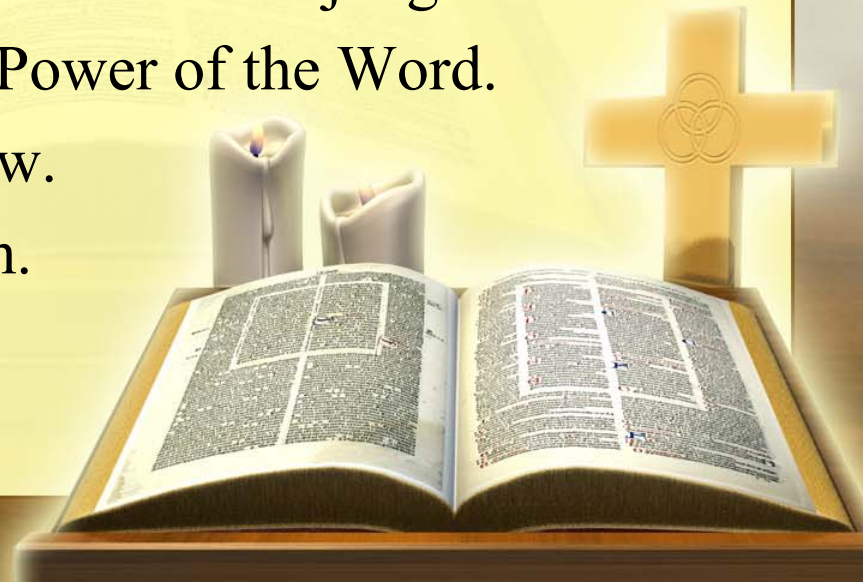
# Christ brings division - Luke

- 4:20,22,28-29
- 5:27
- 7:39-40
- 9:47
- 11:17
- 11:38
- 14:1-4
- 18:9
- Marveled, filled w/ wrath
- Called tax collector
- Weeping on His feet
- Jesus perceived thoughts
- Knowing their thoughts
- Saw that He did not wash
- Leprosy healed
- He knew who was just



# Condition of Jewish Christians?

- Will was weak.
- In need of discipline.
- God knew their thoughts.
- Did not understand the seriousness of the NEW.
- Did not see how the New Words from God judged.
- Did not recognize the unfailing Power of the Word.
- Clung to the past tradition & Law.
- Relied on their past to save them.



# Coasting

- God knows if you are coasting.
- How? Word of God is “Living”.
- We want “Rest” (as Jewish Christians did).
- We must be obedient to enter that rest.
- Rest is for “After” we die.
- God disciplines slackness.
- He desires our “Diligence”.



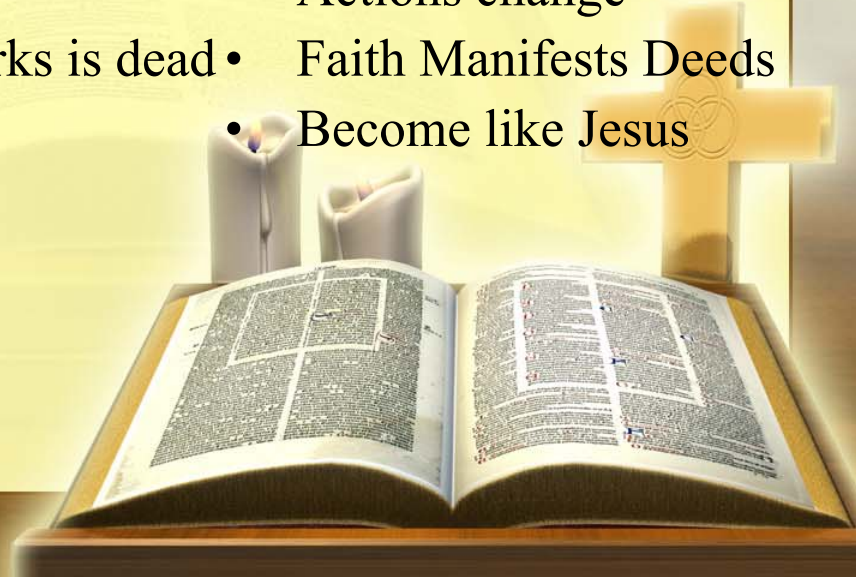
# What can we learn from Hebrews 4:12 ?

- God sees everything
- God will judge our eternity
- God will do this by what He has said
- God knows our thoughts and what we intend to do in the future
- God sees “Coasting”
- Rest for later & Obedience now are connected
- God expects our diligence



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- Love's behavior
- Word of Truth
- True Gospel
- Conviction to hearers
- Aware of Judgment
- See God's desire
- Give ourselves to Him
- Results show outward
- Actions change
- Faith Manifests Deeds
- Become like Jesus



# Why is the Word of God so essential to our lives?

- Because it is God-breathed
- Because it will determine our eternity
- Because it disciplines us
- It tells us how to be obedient
- Promises Rest
- Because it speaks to us “Today”



We see in a mirror...face to face  
I Corinthians 13:12



Be doers of the WORD and not  
hearers only ...Looking into the  
perfect law of liberty and  
continue in it

-James 1:21-25

