



**Today's Sermons**  
 Morning: What Grace Can Do  
 Evening: Overview of II John: Walk in Truth

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# God So Loved the World

**TEXT: John 3:16**

- Love's SOURCE (*GOD*so loved the world).
- Love's SPHERE (God *SO* loved the world).
- Love's SACRIFICE (God so *LOVED* the world).
- Love's SCOPE (God so loved the *WORLD*).

**Con: God loves because God is Love!**

SERMON STARTERS  
 - Mark N. Posey



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**Times of Services:**  
Sunday  
 Bible Study:... 10:00am  
 AM Worship...11:00am  
 PM Worship:...6:00pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday  
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program  
 Sunday:.....7:30am  
 "Back to the Bible"  
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**We Extend A  
 Warm & Cordial  
 Welcome  
 To All Our  
 Visitors!**

**The Power of the Word of God**  
 Max Patterson

Men and women have suffered indescribable pain because of their love for the Bible. Some have given all they have for a copy of it. Some have spent their whole lives studying it. Some have asked to be buried with it. Millions consider it their most valuable possession.

Yet, there are some who think because we do not have the miraculous working among us today, as they did in the first century, that we somehow lack the power of the first century. Just the book, the Bible, by itself, is not all that powerful, so they think. However, the words of the Bible are just as powerful as if the Holy Spirit was down here speaking directly. Allow me to illustrate:

1. God's Word has the power to convert the lost sinner. The gospel is said to be "the power of God unto salvation." (Rom. 1:16) James tells us that the implanted word is "able to save our souls." (James 1:21) That is mighty powerful!

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2. God's Word has the power to be the seed of the Kingdom of God. Life begins with a seed. We are all familiar with what happens in the animal kingdom, as well as the plant kingdom. The same is true with the spiritual kingdom, the church. "The seed is the Word of God." (Luke 8:11f) Wherever God's Word goes, the potential for the church goes also. The mighty seed, the Word of God, has the power to produce the same plant today, Christians, as it did 2,000 years ago.

3. God's Word has the power to be all sufficient for our needs. Man does not have a need that is not met by the Word. It comforts us, Romans 15:4. It strengthens us to be more faithful to the Lord, Psalms 119:130; 19:8. It protects us from error and sin, Psalm 119:11. It provides us all things necessary to our salvation and in living the Christian life, II Peter 1:3. What is wrong when we feel we need something else? Is it possible that we lack faith in the living, vibrant, mighty Word. If it is true that the Word furnishes us everything we need, II Timothy 3:16,17, and still we want something else, we are wanting something of which we have no need. Maybe we are basing our salvation on feelings, instead of God's instructions.

4. God's Word has the power to judge us on that last day. If we reject God's Word, we will come to regret it. Jesus said, "the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." (John 12:48) The book, the Bible, will be opened and we will be judged by it, according to our works. (Rev. 20:12)

As did the Psalmist, let our hearts stand in awe of the Word. (Psa. 119:161) Let the Word of God be sweet to our taste. Let it be sweeter than honey to our mouths. (Psa. 119:103) The Word of God is mighty and powerful, if we will just allow it to work.

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*"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe. The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as an high wall in his own conceit" (Proverbs 18:10-11).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nov 27 – Song Service
- Dec 4 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell

## Two Reasons Why Women Are Not to be in Roles of Public Leadership in the Church

Bobby Duncan

I have never wanted anyone to be mistreated. It is not fair for women to be paid less than men are paid for doing the same job. The rights of women are kept constantly before us. But to say that women should be treated fairly is not equal to saying that men and women should always be permitted to do the same things. It is quite obvious that men and women literally cannot do the same things; a man cannot bear children, and a woman cannot beget children. Men and women are different.

In recent years, certain religious groups have tried to remove the distinction that exists between men and women by putting women in various leadership roles formerly reserved for men only. Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 2:9-14:

"In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression."

This prohibition by the inspired writer has been explained away(?) by saying the reason for this prohibition was cultural. Since our culture is different, then the prohibition does not apply to our time and our culture.

But you will observe that Paul himself, by inspiration, gave two reasons for this prohibition, and neither of those reasons has anything to do with culture. Reason number one is in verse 13: "For Adam was first formed, then Eve," then it will be true that women are to "learn in silence with all subjection." When the time comes that it is no longer true that "Adam was first formed, then Eve," then, and only then, will it be permitted by God for women to have roles of public leadership in the assemblies of the saints.

The second reason given by the inspired writer for this prohibition is in verse 14: "And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" Is it still true in modern times and in our modern culture that "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression"? So long as that is true, it will be true that women are to "learn in silence with all subjection." When the time comes that it is no longer true that "Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression," then, and only then, will God permit women to have roles of public leadership in the assemblies of the saints.

One may say, "What do these two facts have to do with the matter?" Whether we know the answer to that question or not does not change the Word of the Lord. It is not ours to understand why; it is ours to obey.