

# The Living Word of God

## Study of the Word — The Function of the Word

(Guitar)

C F G<sup>7</sup> C G D<sup>7</sup>  
 1. In the be - gin - ning was the Word. The Word was God Him -  
 G G<sup>7</sup> C F G<sup>7</sup> C Am E  
 self. And when time's full - ness came, the Word In flesh in - - car - nate

Am G C G C F  
 dwelt. The Word de - fines, ex - plains, re - veals The "I Am Who I  
 G G<sup>7</sup> C F G<sup>7</sup> C Dm G<sup>7</sup> C F C  
 Am," The liv - ing Word named Je - sus Christ, God's breath breathed in - to man.

2. This Man became the Spirit then,  
 Whom we by faith receive.  
 He's now the Man enthroned on high!  
 How can we not believe?  
 The living Word our spirit stirs,  
 As we to God draw nigh,  
 In spirit by the Spirit blessed  
 Beneath an open sky.

3. Receive salvation's helmet and  
 The Spirit as a sword,  
 Which Spirit is the Word of God,  
 By means of prayer's accord.  
 At every time, pray watchfully  
 In spirit, in God's care,  
 Petitioning for all the saints,  
 Thus one another bear.

4. If God is for us, who indeed  
 Can be against us still?  
 Who brings a charge 'gainst God's elect?  
 Christ intercedes and will.  
 The love of God in Jesus Christ  
 Encompasses all things,  
 So naught can separate us from  
 His love, which sonship brings.

5. As we take in the Word, we too  
 Express God corporately,  
 Like-minded e'en like-souled become  
 With God the Trinity.  
 Receive the Word by daily prayer  
 In such a living way  
 That darkness can't avoid the light  
 And death to life gives way!

6. The Word is living, operative,  
 And sharper than a sword,  
 Dividing soul from spirit by  
 The light therein outpoured.  
 God's presence and God's speaking mark  
 God's Sabbath rest for us;  
 He speaks, we rest, and all is done.  
 His way is effortless.

7. Our preparation as the Bride  
 Depends upon the Word  
 That sanctifies us inwardly,  
 Imbues us with the Lord!  
 God purposed in Himself to have  
 A peerless counterpart,  
 Preparing us through words of life  
 Inscribed upon our heart.

8. The Spirit calls us — overcome!  
 Yea, hold fast what you have!  
 Take, eat the tree of life, be fed!  
 In Christ be strengthened, glad!  
 With hearts believing, ears to hear,  
 And eyes for Christ alone,  
 As one we cannot help but say,  
 "Yes, come Lord, quickly come!"