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BRETHREN CHURCH

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The Word (John 1:1-4)



The Message of Faith

John 1:1-4

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.

John 1:1-4

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Brethren doctrine centers on Jesus Christ as the living Word of God. The Holy Spirit progressively revealed God's one plan of salvation in Christ from its first promise in the Old Testament to its fulfillment in the New.

Given in human words in history, the Scriptures of both Testaments are the inspired Word of God, authoritative, trustworthy, and true in every respect. The New Testament, witnessing to the climax of that history, is the final rule of faith and life for the church.

As an expression of grateful love to God,
Brethren believe and obey the Bible, for
only the written Word reveals to us Jesus
Christ, the living Word.

*A Centennial Statement,
The Brethren Church, 1984*



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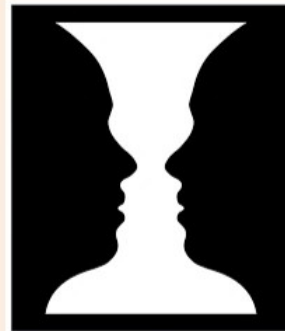
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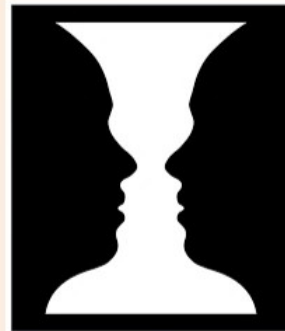
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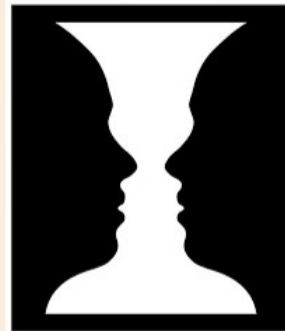
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**What happens when more
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become inherently unstable
and we cannot agree on
what those signs mean?**



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Because God desires
relationship with His
children, God speaks to us
in order to be understood.

Romans 10:13-14

¹³ For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved from the punishment of sin.

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¹⁴ But how can they call on Him if they have not put their trust in Him? And how can they put their trust in Him if they have not heard of Him? And how can they hear of Him unless someone tells them?

2 Peter 1:20-21

²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.

2 Peter 1:20-21

²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

God speaks through the Holy Scriptures so that we would enter into a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ.

John 5:39-40

39 You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

Hebrews 1:1-3

¹ In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Hebrews 1:1-3

3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Matthew 5:17-18

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17-18

¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

Luke 24:44-47

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Luke 24:44-47

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written:

Luke 24:44-47

The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

We trust and obey the Bible because it is God's revelation to the Lordship of Jesus. We immerse ourselves in the Holy Scriptures to know Christ.



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