

John 1:1-4 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

How was it that you first got saved? Was it by someone telling a good story, maybe a divine appearance of Jesus before your very eyes, or was it through watching a good movie? 99.9% of people get saved through hearing the word of God, the word was spoken, someone told you about salvation, Jesus and what he had done for you, and consequently you asked Jesus into your life. Basically in the beginning was the word as this scripture shows above.

You were created a new being a royal priesthood a joint heir and a child of God by hearing the word of God and accepting it as truth. I know a lot of people that live to hear what tele-evangelists and teachers have to say on TV; they have all the tapes, videos, CD's and books just like me. Also just like I used to, most of the time they don't spend daily time reading or studying the word of God for themselves and they take what other people say as gospel truth.

For the past 18 months, God has placed in me a hunger for his word and not from what others are preaching, he has taken me through his word and caused me to study it for myself for many hours at a time. He has shown me that I need to listen to him more when I am spending time in prayer instead of just rushing into the throne room placing my requests before him and rushing out again to do what I have to do for the day. Recently I stayed up for two nights only having 1 hour sleep the first night and 4 hours the next night as I was studying and reading and praying.

The reason for this was that God had made me read **John 1** and I could not get passed verse 1, all I could read was "**In the beginning was the word**". As thick as I am it took me 2 hours to realise the Lord was trying to say something to me, "Ross I want you to get back to spending more time fellowshiping with me than with tapes, videos and other books", to say the least I have learnt heaps since. Why is it that Jesus will say enter into the kingdom of heaven to one person or depart from me I never knew you to another? **Matthew 7:21-24**. Jesus said "whoever hears **my sayings**" we need to listen more to him and do as he asks as well. Jesus used the word I never knew you and **the word Knew** in the Greek means intimate relations.

We only get knowledge from preachers but we get revelation from Jesus, yes we need Preachers as they are supposed to equip us for the work of the ministry **Ephesians 4:11-12**. But revelation Knowledge comes from fellowship with the Holy Spirit and reading the word of God for yourself, **we need** to go to church or home group, listen to the preacher **and then** go home and study what he has taught us. It is not enough just Sunday or Wednesday, it has to be a lifestyle.

I used to preach a sermon about a black dog and a white dog within us having a fight, the dog that will win is the one you feed the most. The black dog being the "worlds way" and the white dog being "God's way". In the beginning was the word, it is light to us in our troubles and trials throughout the day, it guides us through dark patches in our lives, how much light is in your life? **Bless ya - Roscoe.**