

# Scripture Affirmations

## Applying the Rhema Word of God

### The Foundational Importance of God's Word

God created the world with His Word. *"For when He spoke, the world began! It appeared at His command"* (Psalm 33:9 NLT). That power is still in God's Word!

*"I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things Your name and Your word."* (Psalm 138:2 ESV).

*"Take to your heart all the words with which I am warning you today, which you shall command your sons to observe carefully, even all the words of this law. For it is not an idle word for you; indeed it is your life"* (Deuteronomy 32:46-47 NASB).

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God's Word is full of promises. These promises are our life and cause us to be partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). When we pray, we are to **ask** for God to fulfill His promise, **believe** He will, and then **claim** the assurance that it is done and thank Him for it.

A scripture affirmation takes it one step further it is speaking God's Word back to Him in the affirmative. "A life affirmation from Scripture is acknowledging God's testimony that His Word is life to us! It is simply declaring the Scriptures over your life as an assertion of faith, a proclamation of who you are in Christ. This goes beyond claiming a promise; it becomes a confession of the "word of faith" as the Bible calls it. As you affirm His Word by speaking it over your life, your thinking lines up in agreement with God's testimony about you and all that He will accomplish in your life... The transforming power of His word renews your mind..."<sup>1</sup>

### Three Foundational Verses for Scripture Affirmations

1. God's Word does not return to Him without accomplishing its work. We return it to Him in prayer and by repeating it back to Him in faith that He will accomplish what He has promised. *"So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it"* (Isaiah 55:11).

2. God is watching over His Word to make sure it does what it was intended to do. *"I am watching over My Word to perform it"* (Jeremiah 1:12).
3. God calls things reality before they are real to us. *"God who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist"* (Romans 4:17).

## Support from Inspiration

"If you want faith, talk faith;..."<sup>2</sup>

"While words express thoughts, it is also true that thoughts follow words. If we would give more expression to our faith,... we should have more faith..."<sup>3</sup>

"In humble faith you may claim His promises, and feel that although you have nothing in yourself whereby you may claim the favor of God, because of the merits and righteousness of Christ, you may come boldly to the throne of grace, and find help in time of need."<sup>4</sup>

"Pray, believe, rejoice." Sing praises to God because He has answered your prayers. Take Him at His word. 'He is faithful that promised.' Hebrews 10:23"<sup>5</sup>

**Note:** For a deeper study on Scripture affirmation, please read *Exalting His Word* and *Life Affirmations from Scripture* by Shelley Quinn.

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<sup>1</sup> Quinn, Shelley. *Life Affirmations from Scripture*. Pacific Press Publishing Association. 2008. p. 12

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