

## Encouragement From God's Word

The Library of Congress in Washington, DC contains 160,000,000 books and other printed materials stored on 838 miles of shelving. Many of us have small home libraries, but what if you were exiled on a desolate island and allowed just one book? Would you be wise and choose a Bible?

God's Word is infinitely holy, and though discouraging onslaughts strike at the very core of its truths every day, we know that God will have the final say and believers in Christ need not fear nor be discouraged.

Four words in the Bible calm my spirit and give me hope for the future. First of all, when we feel weak and unable to stand up for truth and righteousness, we find that the power of God is working on our behalf. Ephesians 1:19 promises, ". . . The exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power."

The second word of encouragement is grace. Ephesians 2:6-7 says God "raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."

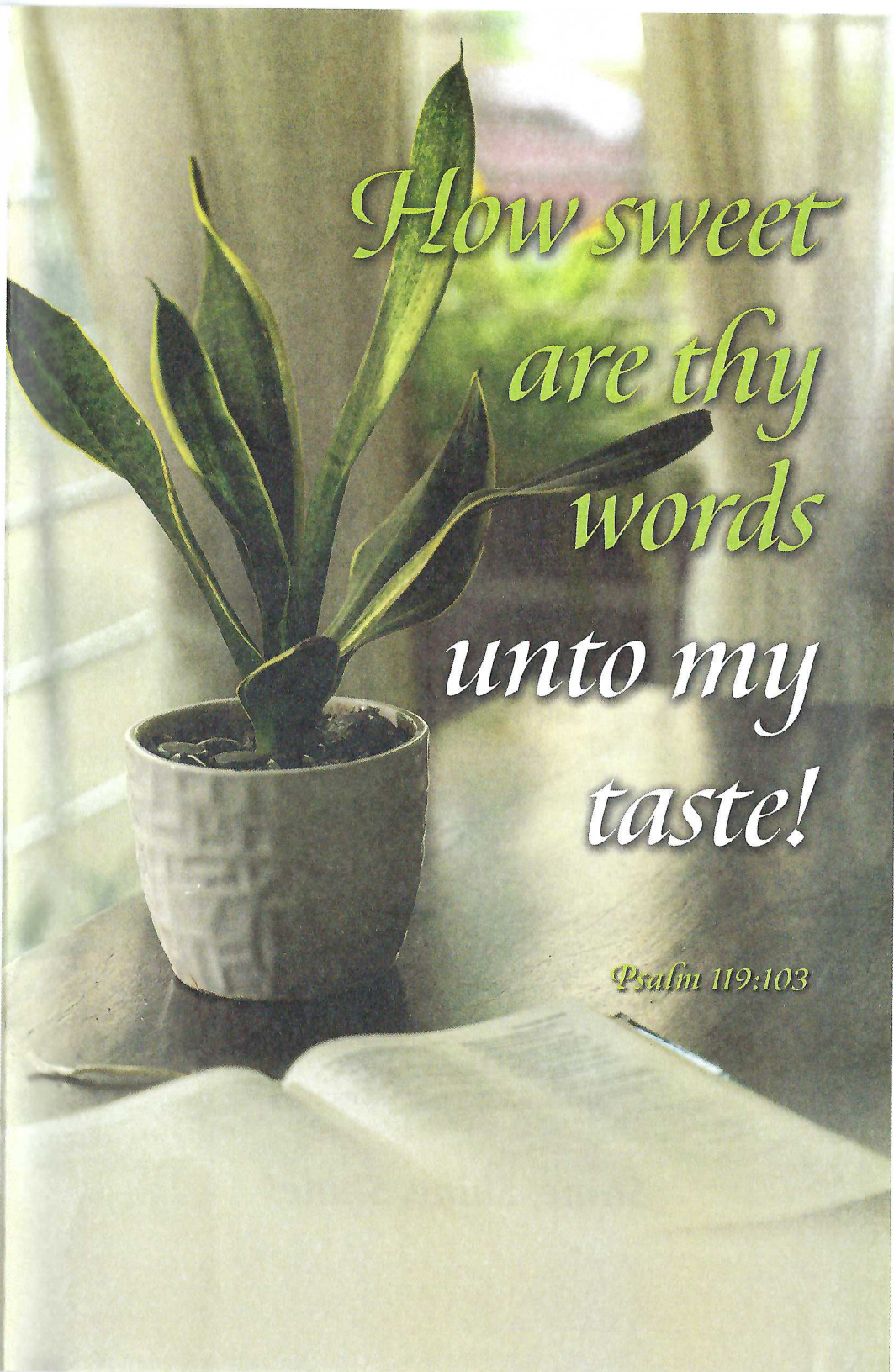
Third is the word peace as stated in Philippians 4:7, "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Lasting peace and contentment will never be found outside of the Lord Jesus Christ. In a personal relationship with Christ by faith, we have peace beyond human understanding.

The fourth word is glory. Most earthly glory is short-lived, as some have their fifteen minutes of fame, but for one who has come to faith in Christ, there is glory that will last forever.

The words power, grace, peace and glory, as they relate to Jesus and the Bible, are a daily encouragement to me. May they encourage you also.

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*How sweet  
are thy  
words  
unto my  
taste!*

*Psalms 119:103*





# Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

February 23, 2025

**Call to Worship**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Invocation**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Sing Unto the Lord**

Hymn #336 There is a Fountain

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Ron Marks*

**Recognition of Guests**

**Mission Moment**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Worship in Song**

Hymn # 338 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

#340 Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

**Offertory Prayer**

*Craig Alexander*

**Offertory**

*Rose Morgan*

**Special Music**

*Sounds of Hope*

**Sermon:**

*Pastor Don Mauldin*

**Hymn of Benediction**

Hymn #343 Amazing Grace

***Shine, Shine, Shine!***

# Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for February is the Gainesville Community Ministry.

## Church Signs

"No God - No Peace? Know God - Know Peace."

"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

"How will you spend eternity - Smoking or Non-smoking?"

"Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."

You Know You're in a Redneck Church if...

The finance committee refuses to provide funds for the purchase of a chandelier because none of the members knows how to play one.

People ask, when they learn that Jesus fed the 5000, whether the two fish were bass or catfish, and what bait was used to catch 'em.

When the pastor says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering," five guys and two women stand up.