

THE APPEARANCE



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



THE LIVING WORD



Luke 24:30-32 *"And it came to pass, as he sat to eat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another: Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked with us by the way and opened to us the scriptures?"*

If you are like most believers in Messiah, you mostly have a difficult time reading the Bible and getting something out of it. The problem is not that you do not love Him enough, or that you don't love His Word enough. **The problem is you don't know how to feed off His Word and make it come alive.** Once you learn how to do this, Bible reading will never be a chore again.

We all have been trained since childhood to think intellectually. We have all been trained to force things into our minds through memorization of words and sentences. We can all remember sitting and studying for school tests. I once even tried recording my notes on a small tape recorder and playing them back to see if it would help me remember them better that way.

However, no one seems to have that same problem watching television. We can all still remember some things that we saw years ago. We could probably even remember some of the scenes in full colour and sound, even though we saw them only once. It would be wonderful if you could get the Word into your hearts the same way, so that you would even look forward to it.

It would be great if you were able to read a Bible passage just once and remember it forever. The thing is that it actually can be done. The only thing you need to do is change the way you learn things. You are going to have to **stop thinking in intellectual terms, and begin to develop the creative power of your spirit. Our spirit does not think in words; it thinks in pictures.**

Have you ever wondered why the best teacher the world has ever known taught His disciples in the form of parables, stories and practical things that they could relate to? There is a reason why He did this. **The Word made flesh who created us, died for us and knew us better than anyone else ever did, taught us in a way that we could most easily comprehend.**

You see, people express themselves through words because that is the way our human spirit expresses itself. **The emotions, thoughts and ideas inside of each one of us comes out in the form of words. However, our spirit has to be fed differently.** Pastors are quick to tell new believers that they should read their Bibles every day. However, very few teach them how to.

Some pastors may even give them a few pointers, like telling them where to start and how many chapters a day they should read. **It is not a wonder then that most people find reading the Bible a chore. Whenever we open up the Bible, we should expect to feed our spirit with the living Word right from the Master's table, so we can't wait for the next time.**