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LOGOS OR RHEMA

In studying the Bible, we learn there is a difference between the Logos and the Rhema. The Logos is the written Word of God. It also is the Word that became flesh. In John 1:1 it says, ***"In the beginning was the word (logos) and the word (logos) was with God and the Word (logos) was God."*** Each time that the usage of the word "word" is used it is defined as the "spoken" word of God.

God speaks to us through His word. Faith is built by hearing the Word spoken. This is where we go to for direction and for comfort. The Rhema of the written word (the Bible) is when that Word speaks to us personally. You could say it leaps off the page, and we sense in our spirit that Holy Spirit is speaking to us directly. In these moments we get personal direction and confirmation of something that we are doing or that we will be doing.

Understanding the difference helps us in our walk. All of the bible is God's Word, inspired or God breathed. Yet not all of the word of God will be a "rhema" word to us. It is a dangerous game to pick up a bible and just open to any page and tell yourself to do whatever the first verse you read says. You might come to the verse where it says Judas hung himself. All study of the Bible must be sifted through Holy Spirit.

In John 14:26 Jesus says, ***"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."***

We can be confident that Holy Spirit (Ghost) will lead and guide us and bring things to our remembrance because Jesus said He would. Studying the Word opens your spiritual eyes to understand things that you would never understand outside of the Word. Remember, Jesus is the Word made flesh, so literally the Word is Jesus speaking to you.

Rhema? Logos? You will know in your spirit which one it is by the gentle nudge when it is personal. Remember always that Holy Spirit leads, and never pushes. Satan will take the word and twist it for his own benefit. If you are uncertain when you read something if it is for you then ask your Pastor or someone that knows the scriptures for more help.