

'Logos' & 'Rhema' Confusion

Many years ago I was taught, (from Yongi Cho's writings), that the Greek word '*Logos*' translated '*word*' was the written objective word of Scripture and that '*Rhema*' (another Greek equivalent), was the subjective spoken word, such as in prophecy or the Word of God spoken through us. Many other Charismatic writers, (eg. Wagner, Copeland, etc.), also teach that there is a sharp distinction between the two Greek words and that we should be open to new revelations through the '*Rhema*' (spoken) word.

For many years I believed this without ever checking where and how these Greek words are used in Scripture. The fact is that these Greek words are *synonyms* and are used *interchangeably*. In fact, sometimes the word '*Logos*' is used for the spoken Word (Jn.4:50; 1Cor.12:8), rather than the written Word of Scripture. *This therefore invalidates the theory of the distinction* between '*Logos*' and '*Rhema*' as defined by the above writers. It also fails to give support for any 'new revelation'.

This is one of the many examples of man's ideas being imported and accepted without the teaching being checked.

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