

The Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. Applying the Word to the Life.
- B. The Bible is a collection of books put together throughout the years.
- C. It was given to us to tell us about God's Son - Jesus Christ - who is God's expression. (Revelation 19:13)
- D. The Bible is God reaching man contrasted to other religions teaching man reaching God.
- E. The Bible must be discerned by the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
- F. The world, the flesh and the Devil seek to confuse the Bible.
- G. Unique things about the Bible.
 - 1. The Bible does not hide the faults of its heroes.
 - 2. It has the all or nothing concept. There is only one way to God - Jesus Christ. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)

II. The Word of God in creation and storing.

- Hebrews 11:3
- Psalm 33:6-9
- 2 Peter 3:4
- Genesis 1

III. How God used the Word in Salvation. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)

- A. The Word works through the heart of the individual quickened by the Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- B. God's Word is powerful, but to take effect it must be accepted by faith. (Hebrews 4:2, Ephesians 2:8-9)
- C. The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Luke 9:6-2)
 - 1. Jesus conquered death in that he died, was buried and rose. (1 Corinthians 12:13)
 - 2. We must be born again. Jesus saved us from the penalty of sin, He is saving us from the power of sin, and He will save us from the presence of sin.
 - 3. All sin must be reconciled to God, and Jesus did this on the cross.

4. God also intended that we would have new life though. (2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 5:10)

5. Salvation is past, present and future. (Ephesians 1:7, Philippians 3:20-21, Galatians 1:4)

6. God intends that we walk in newness of life when we come to the gospel.

IV. Importance of God's Word in growth - how you live the new life in Christ.

A. When Christ went to the cross, he went to the cross for us. (Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 7)

B. Christ was with us, but when He died He promised to be in us. (John 14)

C. We have a will and can make up our minds about following Jesus. (Colossians 3:1, Philippians 3:20-21, John 7:17)

1. We decide to quit lying.

2. We choose to put off anger. (Psalm 38)

3. When you decide against a particular sin, you can have victory.

4. Put on the new man.

5. Put on a heart of compassion.

6. Love whether you feel like it or not. Love your enemies, love with longsuffering, etc. (1 Corinthians 13)

7. You do not fall in love - you decide to love.

D. Grow in the grace of the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

E. Growth starts with the heart because we have a bad heart. (Proverbs 23:7, Mark 7:21-23)

G. We cultivate the heart with the Word of God . We become what we think. (Jeremiah 6:19)

H. Take the pure Word and pack it into the heart. (Proverbs 2:1-4)

I. Read the Word of God.

V. The Importance of God's Word in ministry.

A. A little Scripture memory goes a long way in ministry.

B. Talk about the Word with people.

Application questions

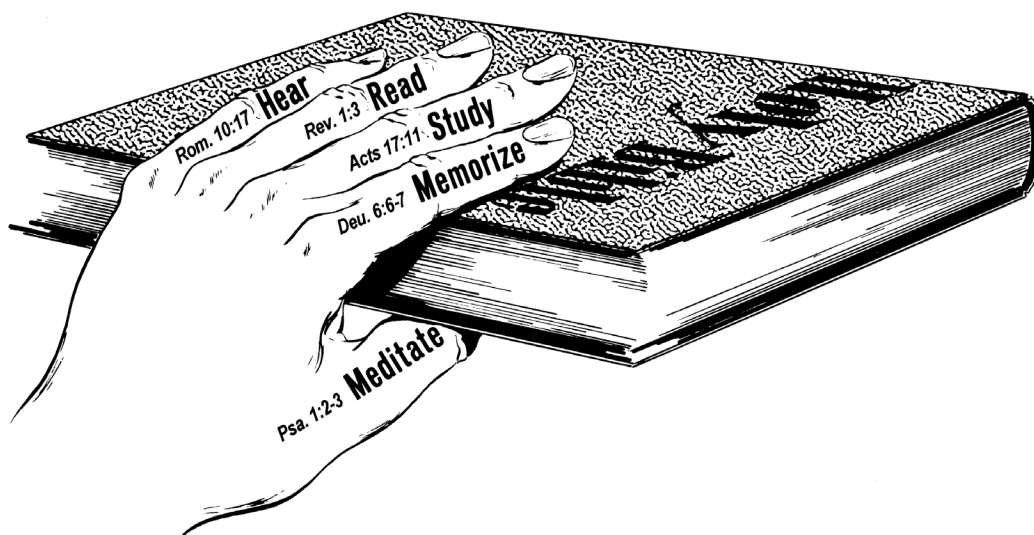
1. Why is the Bible unique as a book in contrast to the works of other religions?

2. What is the gospel? Explain using Scripture.

3. Memorize John 7:17 and write it below. How might this verse demonstrate the will of a person in the Christian life?

The Word Hand

Scripture Memory Pack



Hear to be informed - Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 3:15

Hearing the Word from godly pastors and teachers provides us insight into other's study of the Scriptures as well as stimulating our own appetites for the Word.

Read to be healthy - Revelation 1:3; Deuteronomy 17:19

Reading the Bible gives us an overall picture of God's Word. Many find helpful a daily reading program which takes them systematically through the Bible.

Study to be intelligent - Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15

Studying the Scriptures leads us into personal discoveries of God's truths. Writing down these discoveries helps us organize and remember them better.

Memorize to be skillful - Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 7:1-3

Memorizing God's Word enables us to use the Sword of the Spirit to overcome Satan and temptations, to have it readily available for witnessing or helping others with a "word in season."

Meditate to be fruitful - Psalm 1:2-3; I Timothy 4:15

Meditation is the thumb of the Word Hand, for it is used in conjunction with each of the other four methods of intake. Only as we meditate on God's Word, thinking of its meaning and application to our life, will we discover its transforming power at work within us.

Apply to be obedient - Ezra 7:10; James 1:22

Application of the Word of God to our daily life is a continual process that enables us to obediently walk in close personal fellowship with Him.

Proclaim to be reproductive - Colossians 1:28-29; II Timothy 2:2

Our objective: to know, love and glorify God and to be used of Him to raise up qualified laborers in significant numbers, as fast as possible, to help fulfill the Great Commission.