

The Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. This age has relative values instead of absolutes.
- B. The only thing that does not change apart from Jesus is his Word.
- C. The Bible draws battle lines, and we must take a stand.
- D. Basic authorities that people ascribe to.
 - 1. The church.
 - 2. Pseudo-intellectuals.
 - 3. Existentialists (the authority of emotion).
 - 4. The Bible.
- E. The major attacks on Christendom have been on the authority and authenticity of the Word of God and the deity of Jesus.
- F. Man cannot duplicate the Bible: it judges; it is timeless; it is perfect. (John 4:48; 3:16)
- G. It is better to use the Word of God than defend it. (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)

II. The Bible claims...

- A. We are born again by it. (1 Peter 1:23)
- B. We grow by it. (1 Peter 2:2-3; Psalm 119:9-11)
- C. We are cleaned by it. (John 15:3)
- D. Our faith grows through it. (Romans 10:17)
- E. We are guided by it. (Psalm 119:105)
- F. We find healing in it. (Psalm 107:20)
- G. God prospers his Word. (Isaiah 55:10-11)
- H. We are encouraged by it. (Romans 15:4)
- I. There is sanctifying power in it. (John 17:17)
- J. There is joy to be found in it. (John 15:11)
- K. There is peace in it. (Psalm 119:165)

- L. There is wisdom in it. (Colossians 3:16)
- M. There is deliverance through it. (Psalm 17:4)
- N. Love and respect comes through it. (Deuteronomy 17:18-20)
- M. Enlightenment comes through it. (Psalm 19:8)
- N. Health for the body comes through it. (Proverbs 4:22-23)
- O. Cold hearts are melted through it. (Psalm 147:18)

III. Ways we take in the Word of God.

- A. Hear it. (Romans 10:17)
- B. Read it. (1 Timothy 4:13; Revelation 1:3; Jeremiah 2:32)
- C. Study it. (2 Timothy 2:15)
- D. Memorize it. (1 Peter 3:15)
- E. Meditate on it.

IV. The Bible works. (Matthew 22:29)

V. Conclusion. (2 Timothy 3:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

Application questions:

1. What are some practical things the Bible does for us?

2. What are some conditions to experiencing the blessing of reading and studying the Bible?

3. What is your plan for getting to know the Bible better? Explain.
