

The Word

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I. Introduction.

II. What is the Bible?

- A. It is a book that is correct where it hits the history of man.
- B. It is a book about God and His Son Jesus Christ.
- C. The overall emphasis is God's Word - the expression of His will.

III. Could the Bible be mistranslated?

A. We have the Bible today as God intended for practical reasons.

- 1. Translation is for the purpose that someone would read it.
- 2. It is difficult to imagine a book being mistranslated that is opened to the public with many people knowing so many languages.
- 3. We have the book today because it is not Satan's basic plan to mistranslate the Bible. (2 Corinthians 2:11, 2 Corinthians 11:3)
 - a. Satan would rather make it complicated
 - b. Satan seeks to blind the minds of unbelievers.
 - c. We are to do everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10)
 - d. It is so easy to fall into the trap that we cannot understand the Bible.
 - e. But it is not good enough that we understand the Bible - it must be applied. (John 13:34-35)

B. We have the Bible today for what God intended.

IV. Things unique about the Bible

- A. The Bible is necessary to understand God's will. Two kinds of knowledge do not puff up - knowledge about God and knowledge about oneself. (John 7:17)
- B. It is God making a bid for man.
- C. The Bible shares the bad parts as well as the good parts of people's lives.
- D. The whole Bible is illustration as we make application to our lives. (Romans 15:4)

E. The Bible is all or nothing. (John 14:6)

F. God's perfect expression in written form is the Bible and in living form is Jesus. (Acts 4:12, John 6:63)

1. Your life is actually changed by words. (Proverbs)

2. Jesus paid the price for the penalty of sin, and later from the power of sin and will finally from the presence of sin. (1 Corinthians 15)

3. The person must be born again of the Spirit. (1 Corinthians 12, John 3)

4. When we come to Christ though we do not get everything all at one time - we practice placing the Word in our hearts and applying it.

V. Obedience to the Word is a prerequisite to further life. (Mark 4:23-24, Ephesians 1:7)

Application questions

1. What is the Bible and why is it unique?

2. How can one say the Bible we have is the Bible that was penned in the first century?

3. What is the role of obedience in knowing the Word of God? Explain.
