

# **The Word**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. The Word of God is the spring and the source.
- B. Make the Word of God a part of your life.
- C. It is a good idea to read a Proverb a day.

## II. We are saved through the Word. (1 Peter 1:23, James 1:22, 2 Timothy 3:15)

- A. The seed must be planted for new life.
- B. We are saved by the name of Jesus only. (Acts 4:12, Hebrews, Revelation 19:13)
- C. Men did not always understand the Word of salvation. (1 Peter 1:10)
  - 1. Jesus is God's perfect expression. (1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 4:2, Matthew 23:1)
  - 2. The Word is really true and will stand the test of time. (John 6:63, John 4:24)
- D. Salvation is needed because man is lost. (Genesis 6:65, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:23, John 3:18, 3:36)

## III. We grow through the Word.

- A. New spiritual babies need to feed on God's Word. (1 Peter 2:23)
- B. The Word builds us up and feeds us. (1 John 2:14, Acts 20:32, Matthew 4:4)

## IV. We minister through the Word.

- A. We must speak the Word of God so that people will grow. (1 Peter 4:11)
- B. We need to be challenged - people will not simply read on their own. (Hebrews 5:12-14, Mark 4:14, 4:19)
- C. Every Christian is called to be fruitful. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

## V. The Word gives us joy, light and the means for discipleship. (Jeremiah 15:16, Psalm 27:14, 37:4-5, 119:130, 1 Peter 1:8, Psalm 1:3, Joshua 1:8)

**Application questions**

1. Why is it critical that the spiritual babe get into the Word right away?

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2. What Bible verses have contributed most to your personal growth? Explain.

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3. What are you doing to pour the Word into others lives through ministry? What more can you do?

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