

# **The Word**

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I. Introduction. (Luke 14:25-35)

II. We are saved through the Word. (1 Peter 1:23)

A. Seed must be planted into our hearts to be born again. (John 3, James 1:22, 2 Timothy 3:15)

B. We are saved by the name of Jesus only, the Living Word. (Revelation 19:13, Acts 4:12)

1. Jesus is God's perfect expression. (1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 4:2)

2. The Word pierces the heart. (John 6:63, Hebrews 4:12, John 4:24)

C. Salvation is needed because man is lost. (Genesis 6:65, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:23, Proverbs 13:12, John 3:18, 3:36)

III. We grow through the Word.

A. You will not suffer for your sons being wicked, but you will suffer for not taking them on. (1 Samuel 2)

B. We need to feed on God's Word. (1 Peter 2:23, 1 John 2:2-3, Acts 20:32, Matthew 4:4, John 6:63)

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 talked to - people will not simply read on their own. We have to sew the Word. (Hebrews 5:12-14, Mark 4:14, 4:19)

C. Every Christian is called to be fruitful. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Ephesians 4:13)

V. The Word gives us joy, the opportunity for victory, ability to fish for men, and ability for meditation. (John 15:16, Psalm 119:111, 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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