



Being the Church



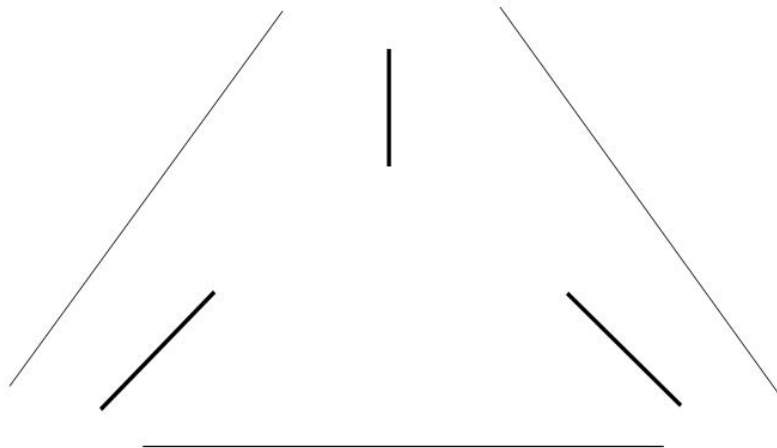
Part 2—"Word"

"When the child of God looks into the Word of God and sees the Son of God she/he is changed by the Spirit of God into the image of God for the glory of God." —Warren Wiersbe

Memory Verses:

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

— 2 Timothy 3:14-17



God's Word Defined

- God's Word is more than just the Bible, though the Bible is God's Word. There is a sense in which God's Word is _____.
- God's Word comes to mankind through various _____.
- Generally, when we speak of God's Word, we are referring to the _____ of _____.

The Centrality of God's Word

1. God's Word _____

"All Scripture is breathed out by God..."

- Authoritatively (Gen. 1:1; Rom. 4:17)

Is. 43:10— "I am He; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"

- Accurately (Ps. 12:6, 119:89; Matt. 5:18)

Luke 21:33— "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

- In order that God's Presence might be revealed (Deut. 30:11-14; Rom. 10:6-8).

Duet. 4:7-8— "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?"

2. God's Word _____

“...from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

- It is the Holy Spirit's sovereign means by which to convict the world of sin. (John 16:8-10)
- The power of God's Word demands a response from mankind.

⇒ Judgment brought upon sinners who respond in unbelief.

Ps. 46:6— “The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.”

Hos. 6:5— “Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.”

2 Pet. 3:5-7— “For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.”

⇒ Grace and mercy given to sinners who respond in faith.

Luke 1:37—“Is anything too hard for the Lord?” → Literally, “Is any _____ to wonderful for the Lord.”

Rom. 1:16—“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...”

The Word in Action: Acts 13:44-48

⁴⁴The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

3. God's Word _____

“...profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

⇒ It is the way that God shows us of our position in Christ.

Eph. 1:3-4—“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Gal. 2:20—“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

⇒ It shows us the Lord Jesus and draws our hearts to worship Him.

2 Cor. 3:12-18

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.