

Value of the Word

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I. Introduction.

II. What is the Bible?

- A. The history and future of man.
- B. It is a book about God and His Son Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

III. Unique points about the Bible.

- A. It is God making a bid for man.
- B. The Bible shares the bad parts as well as the good parts of people's lives.
- C. It is all or nothing. (John 14:6)

IV. Salvation comes in knowing the Word of God.

- A. The message is Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:23)
- B. We hear the message of Jesus that he died for our sins on the cross. (Luke 9:62)
- C. The speaker came to know Jesus through the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:15)
- D. Every person needs salvation because he is unable to provide it for himself. (John 3)
 - 1. Man needs salvation because he is a sinner. (Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:23)
 - 2. Man's glory is Jesus Christ whom we all come short of.

V. The Bible provides spiritual growth.

- A. The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to mold our lives.
- B. We start out as new Christians indwelt by Jesus. (1 Peter 2:2-3, Galatians 2:20)
- C. Jesus is also by whom we grow. (Revelation 19:14)
- D. The Word causes happiness. (Jeremiah 15:16)
- E. Only one thing is really needed - to sit at Jesus' feet and hear His word.
- F. The Bible gives us light.
 - 1. The Bible will help us so that we might not sin.

2. If we do sin, we have provision. (1 John 1:9)

VI. Through the Bible we help others.

A. Use the Word with people. (Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 4:12)

B. God has called every believer to be a minister. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

C. It is through us that others are to be reached. There are no excuses.

VII. Conclusion.

Application questions

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

2. How does the Bible assist us in salvation?

3. How does the Bible assist us in spiritual growth? What might your life look like with a more regular implementation of God's Word?
