

## The Word Of God

### 1 Peter 1:22-25

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• 1 Peter 1:22-25, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another from the heart fervently: having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth. For, All flesh is as grass, And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower falleth: But the word of the Lord abideth for ever. And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you."

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### Conversion To Christ ... Requires The Word Of God

- Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2:37, 40-41
- Samaritans. Acts 8:5, 12
- Ethiopian eunuch. Acts 8:35
- Cornelius. Acts 10:36, 42; 11:14
- Lydia. Acts 16:13ff
- Philippian jailer. Acts 16:25-32
- Corinthians. Acts 18:4-11

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- Not a single case of conversion in the New Testament where the word or God was not preached, believed, and obeyed.

Acts 2:14-41; 4:4; 5:14; 5:42; 6:1, 7; 8:12; 11:20-21

#### The gospel is God's power to save.

Romans 1:16-17, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for *it* is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith."

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### Examples of Conversion

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:44-47

Preaching	Believed	Repented	Confessed	Baptized	Saved
Pentecost Acts 2:14-41		Repented 37-38		Baptized 38-41	Remission of sins 38-47
Samarita Acts 8:5-13	Believed 12			Baptized 12-13	
Eunuch Acts 8:35-39	Believed 36-37		Confessed 37	Baptized 38	Rejoiced 39
Saul Acts 9:1-17; 22; 26				Baptized Acts 22:16; 9:18	Washed sins away Acts 22:16
Cornelius Acts 10:34-46; 11:14; 15:7	Believed 10:43; 15:7			Baptized 10:48	Remission of sins 10:43
Lydia Acts 16:13	Attended 14			Baptized 15	
Jailer Acts 16:32	Believed 31	Repented 33		Baptized 33	

Preaching Faith Repentance Confession Baptism Salvation  
Romans 10:4; Hebrews 11:6; Luke 13:3; Romans 10:10; Galatians 3:26-27;  
2 Timothy 2:10; Hebrews 5:8-9

### Faithfulness To Christ Requires The Word Of God

- Corinthians. 1 Corinthians 15:1-2
  - Colossians. Colossians 1:21-23
  - Converts on first preaching tour. Acts 14:19ff
  - Ephesians. Acts 19:8-10, 20; 20:32
  - Thessalonians. Acts 17:1-4; 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- NOTE: 2 John 9; Jude 3; 2 Peter 3:18

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## Why Be Anchored In The Word?

### Consider its source.

- Came from God. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
  - Came through Christ. Luke 10:16; 1 Corinthians 14:37; Galatians 1:11-12
  - Came by revelation of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 3:1-5; John 14:26; 15:26-27; 16:13-14
  - Revealed to the Apostles; ambassadors. 2 Corinthians 5:20; John 17:8, 14, 18; 1 Thessalonians 4:8
    - Words selected by the Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
    - Earthen vessels. 2 Corinthians 4:7
- 7 *"my gospel" 2 Timothy 2:8*  
*"committed to my trust" 1 Timothy 1:11*

## Why Be Anchored In The Word?

### Consider its sufficiency.

- *"Profitable" – 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
    - *"For doctrine" or "Teaching" ASV*
    - *"For reproof" Ephesians 5:11; 2 Timothy 4:2*
    - *"For correction" to set right again, correct.*
  - The scriptures are sufficient to make the *"man of God ... complete, furnished completely unto every good work."*
  - **2 Peter 1:3**, *"Seeing that His divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue."*
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## Why Be Anchored In The Word?

### • Consider its authority.

- It is the standard by which all religious teaching and practice is to be tested.  
**1 Thessalonians 5:21; cf. 1 John 4:1**
  - Must examine the Scriptures. **Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 3:15**
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### • Consider its authority.

#### Standard of Judgment.

- **John 12:48**, *"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day."*
  - **Romans 2:16**, *"... the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ."*
  - **Matthew 7:21**, *"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven."*
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## Why Be Anchored In The Word?

### • Consider its power.

Psalms 119:11, *"Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against thee."*

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## The word of God "works" in those who believe ... **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

- By the word the new birth is effected. 1 Peter 1:23
- By it the soul is saved. James 1:21
- By it we are sanctified. John 17:17; 1 Timothy 4:5
- It prevails mightily. Acts 19:20
- Like seed, Mark 4:26-27, it has power in itself to produce.
- It is living and active. Hebrews 4:12
- It is like fire against that which is false. Jeremiah 23:29
- It is like a hammer against that which is strong. Jeremiah 23:29
- It is light in darkness. Psalms 119:105
- It is the weapon in our warfare. Ephesians 6:17