

The Word Of God

1 Peter 1:22-25

- ▶ *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."*

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 NT 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

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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- ▶ **2 John 9, "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son."**

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 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 Holy Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:12–13
 - Earthen vessels. (2 Corinthians 4:7);
"my gospel" (2 Timothy 2:8)
"committed to my trust" (1 Timothy 1:11).

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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."

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Consider its sufficiency.

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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Why Be Anchored In The Word?

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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