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II Corinthians 9:8

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It reveals who God is

- Romans 1:16-17 – "… the righteousness of God is revealed …"
- God is righteous and so we must be
  - Verse 17 – "The righteous shall live by faith"
- The only way to know who God is and what He expects of us …
  - I Corinthians 2:9-13 – "that we might understand the things freely given us by God"
- Jesus also tells us about God
  - John 14:8-11 – "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"

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- God's Word teaches us who He is, what He's done for us, and what the future holds in store
  - John 5:39 – "… it is they that bear witness about me"
  - John 20:30-31 – "… written so that you may believe …"
  - Hebrews 1:1-2 – "… he has spoken to us by His Son"

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- Romans 1:1-6 – "… declared to be the Son of God …"
  - This shows us both His deity and humanity
- Acts 4:11-12 – "… there is salvation in no one else"
  - He is the only source
- Philippians 3:8-10 – "… the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord"
  - Paul shows us the importance of knowing Jesus

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It will make us "wise unto salvation"

- II Timothy 3:14-17 – "… make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus"
- Romans 1:16-17 – "… the power of God for salvation"
- James 1:19-21 – "… the implanted word, which is able to save your souls"
- II Peter 1:3-4 – "… you may become partakers of the divine nature"

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It can pierce our hearts

- Hebrews 4:11-13 – "piercing to the division of soul and of spirit"
- The Jews on Pentecost were convicted
  - Acts 2:36-41 – "Brothers, what shall we do?"
- The Bible is a book for our souls
  - We learn in it that God is right and we are not
  - Honest hearts will turn to Him

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It can correct us in the eyes of God

- II Corinthians 5:16-21 – "… if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation"
- How do we get "in Christ"?
  - Galatians 3:26-27 – "For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ"
  - I Peter 3:21 – "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you"
- II Timothy 3:16-17 – "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for **correction**, and for training in righteousness"

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It can build us up spiritually

- Acts 20:32 – "… the word of his grace, which is able to build you up …"
- We must act as Paul did and build up others
  - Our brethren
    - I Thessalonians 5:9-11 – "… build one another up"
  - Our neighbors
    - Romans 15:1-2 – "… for his good, to build him up"

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It can expose error

- I John 4:1 – "… test the spirits to see whether they are from God"
- How do we test the spirits?
  - John 8:31-32 – "… you will **know** the truth, and the truth will set you free"
  - II Corinthians 13:5-6 – "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves."
  - I Thessalonians 5:21-22 – "hold fast what is good"

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- There is so much religious division. Can we know the truth?
  - By the study of God's Word
    - Psalms 119:97-104 – "Through your precepts I get understanding"
    - II Thessalonians 2:13-15 – "stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us"
  - II John 8-11 – "Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son"

Obeying The Gospel

Hear the Word of God

- James 1:21 – "… receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Believe the Gospel message about Jesus

- I John 3:23-24 – "… that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ …"

Repent of your sins

- Acts 3:19 – "Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out"

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Confess that Jesus is the Son of God

- Romans 10:9-10 – "… with the mouth one confesses and is saved"

Be immersed in water

- Acts 2:38 – "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ …"

Remain faithful

- I Corinthians 15:1-2 – "if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain"