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INTRODUCTION

- 1. It is perfect and needs no revision (Prov. 30;5,6; Rev. 22:18).
- 2. It remains unchanged and unchangeable.
- 3. Today a lot of emphasis is placed on "feelings" rather than a "thus saith the Lord".. Or "Book, Chapter and Verse".
- 4. In many areas men choose to stand upon their own judgment rather than obeying God.
- 5. In short, the world, and some in the church are showing less and less respect for God and His Word.
- 6. In this lesson we want to notice some of the things the Word does.

ON THE ALIEN SINNER

- A. The very beginning of spiritual life comes by the word (James 1:18; I Cor. 4:15; Luke 8:11).
- B. One is "born again" by the word" (I Pet. 1:23; John 3:3,5).
 - 1. The use of the term "born again" today.
 - 2. This again emphasizes the lack of regard for the Word.
- C. Faith comes by hearing the Word (Rom. 10:17; John 20:30,31; Heb. 11:6).
 - 1. Some want to pray for it.
 - 2. Others want it to be some kind of emotional experience.
- D. The soul is purified by the word when one obeys it. (I Pet. 1:22).
- E. A person is made free by the truth, the word (John 8:32; 17;17).
- F. Sinners are called by the Gospel (II Thess. 2;14).
- G. A person is drawn to the Lord by the word (John 6:44,45).
- H. The gospel is the instrument which the Holy Spirit always uses in His work of conversion (Psa. 19:7; Romans 1:16) (Acts 8, Ethiopian Eunuch

GOD REACHES....

The soul of the sinner through the Word and not in some super-natural, incomprehensible, "better-felt-than-told" way that cannot be understood or explained by man (Acts 2:37)

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FOR THE CHRISTIAN

- A. It furnishes spiritual nourishment for the soul. (I Pet. 2:2; Acts 20:32).
- B. The word is a guide in life (Psa. 119:105).
- C. By the word one is sanctified (John 17;17; Heb. 12;14).
- D. The Word is able to save the soul (James 1:21; Acts 11:14).
- E. By the word one is comforted (I Thess. 4;18)
- F. THE WORD IS ABLE TO:
 - 1. Guide
 - 2. Direct
 - 3. Comfort
 - 4. and encourage the Christian in his pilgrimage to his heavenly home.
- G. Finally, the word will be the standard of <u>judgment</u> at the last day (John 12:28; Rev. 10:2).

CONCLUSION

- A. Beginning with the alien sinner in the deepest depths of sin, the Word of God leads him up, step by step, until he rejoices in the truth of God as a new creature in Christ.
- B. Then it guides him through grace to glory, until at last he passes through the pearly portals into heaven.