Sermon
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The Word

I. Preach The Word

II Tim 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

1. Preach the word because it pleases God through it (the word) to save those who believe.

I Cor 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

2. Because it ~~is~~ is the perfect law of liberty.

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

3. Because it is perfect in converting the soul.

Ps 19:7 the law of the Lord is perfect, converting (restoring) the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

4. Because it is God's power to save.

1. Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

B. I Cor 15:1-2 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

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5. Because it is God's means of purifying our souls.

I Pet 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

6. Because it is the divine method of sanctification.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

7. Because it is the only perfect rule of faith and practice.

II Tim 3:16,17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished (perfected) unto all good works.

II. Simplicity of the Word

1. Not an incomprehensible mystery as some say.

a. Commandments - Lamb's book of life.

a. Sprinkle - apply drops of water.

Greek b. Baptize - immersion

c. immerse - plunge or dip entirely in water

2. Every responsible person can understand it.

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

3. People who were not familiar with the word heard it, believed it, obeyed it and were saved by it in a brief space of time.

Acts 8:27-39 Turn to (pg. 160)

4. Timothy understood the scriptures from his childhood.

II Tim 3:15 and that from a child thou has known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

5. Jesus opened the understanding of the disciples by the Scriptures.

Luke 24:45-47 Turn To (pg 115)

III. Power of the Word

1. The word of God is not a dead letter; neither is it destitute of power.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

2. There is power in food to strengthen the hungry and weak - The word of God is food.

Matt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

3. There is power in medicine to heal the sick. The word of God is medicine.

Ps. 107:20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

as medicine must be taken to heal, so the word of God must be obeyed to save.

4. There is a revealing power in light - The word of God is light.

Ps 119:105 The word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

It reveals the only way to heaven.

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5. There is power in fire to destroy. The word of God is fire.

Jer 23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

It destroys sin & the life and leaves the soul pure.

6. There is power in rain and snow to make the earth fruitful. The word of God is like rain and snow.

Isa 55:10-11 Turn to (pg 827)

7. The word of God saves the soul.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

8. The word of God is the seed of the kingdom and must be planted in the heart to produce Christians.

I Pet 1:22-25 Turn to (pg 289)

Luke 8:11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.