

The Foundation of Faith

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The Forgotten Word

Casting Aside the Word

Psalm 50:17 (ESV)

For you hate discipline, and you cast my words behind you.

Consequences of Not Listening

- **Disaster**

Jeremiah 6:19 (ESV)

Hear, O earth; behold, I am bringing disaster upon this people, the fruit of their devices, because they have not paid attention to my words; and as for my law, they have rejected it.

Jeremiah 19:15 (ESV)

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, behold, I am bringing upon this city and upon all its towns all the disaster that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their neck, refusing to hear my words.”

- **Idolatry**

Jeremiah 13:10 (ESV)

This evil people, who refuse to hear my words, who stubbornly follow their own heart and have gone after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be like this loincloth, which is good for nothing.

- **Shame**

Luke 9:26 (ESV)

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

The Purpose of God's Word

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q# 3: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Revelation 1:8 (ESV)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

John 20:31 (ESV)

...but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13 (ESV)

[12] And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

[13]and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good?

Reveals God to Us

1Samuel 3:21 (ESV)

And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.

Points Us to Jesus

John 5:39 (ESV)

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

Saves Us

James 1:21 (ESV)

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

The Importance of the Word

Jesus is the Word

John 1:1-3 (ESV)

[1]In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[2] He was in the beginning with God. [3] All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Jesus' Word is the Foundation of Faith

Romans 10:17 (ESV)

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Jesus' Word is the Foundation of Our Life

- **Feeds our soul**

Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

- **Guides our steps**

Psalms 119:105 (ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

If you and I are not reading God's Word...we have no lamp to guide our way and the path we walk is dark.

Jesus' Word Builds the Church

Acts 6:7 (ESV)

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Acts 12:24 (ESV)

But the word of God increased and multiplied.

Hearers and Doers of the Word

Luke 8:21 (ESV)

But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

James 1:22-25 (ESV)

[22]But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

[24]For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25]But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Devote Yourself to the Word

1Timothy 4:13 (ESV)

Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.

Colossians 3:16 (ESV)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Why do we have the Word?

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