Living in the Light of Jesus' Return

A WORD that Works in us

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16 Pastor Byron Hand

Main Idea: God's Word transforms the lives of those who _____

Three Important Truths:

- 1. God _____ 2:13-14
 - A. The Bible is _____

B. The Bible is God's Word about

2.	People		2:13
	A. V	Ve receive the Word	
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2.	The Wo	ord	2:14-16
	Α. Τ	he Word transforms ou	r
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Practically Apply:			
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The Bible:

We believe that the Bible alone, and the Bible in its entirety, is the written Word of God and, therefore, inerrant in the original documents and absolutely authoritative. "To our shame, we have hungered to be masters of the Word much more than we have hungered to be mastered by it." D.A. Carson "I am bound to the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.... I cannot do otherwise. Here I stand. May God help me. Amen." **Martin Luther** (1521 at Diet or Worms)

Main Idea: God's Word transforms the lives of those who WELCOME IT

1. God <u>Speaks</u> – 2:13-14
A. The Bible is <u>God's Word</u>
B. The Bible is God's Word about <u>JESUS</u>

"The sole criterion for evaluating any new teaching or new idea that comes into the church is not "God told me this," but "What does the Bible say?" Howell

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Luke 24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

2. People <u>Respond</u> – 2:13 A. We receive the Word <u>Intellectually</u> B. We Welcome the Word Internally

3. The Word Transforms – 2:14-16 A. The Word Transforms our <u>Affections</u> – 2:14 B. The Word Transforms our <u>Direction</u> – 2:14-16

The Christian life is not about accepting Jesus; it's about following Jesus.

Practically Apply:

 A – I <u>Admit</u> I can't, in myself, do what needs to be done

- P I Pray for God's Help
- T I <u>Trust</u> a particular promise He has given
- A I <u>ACT</u> to do whatever God is calling me to do
- T I <u>Thank</u> Him for His help when I am done

THIS IS MY BIBLE

I AM who it says I am. (Matthew 5:16) I CAN DO what it says I can do. (Philippians 4:13) I AM GOING where it says I will go. (John 14:3)

God's Word is milk for my soul. (1 Peter 2:2) God's Word is seed for my faith. (Luke 8:11) God's Word is light for my path. (Psalm 119:105) God's Word is power for my victory. (Hebrews 4:12) God's Word is freedom for my life. (John 8:32)

When I read God's Word it brings me joy. (Jer. 15:16) When I study God's Word, it keeps me from shame. (2 Tim. 2:15) When I memorize God's Word, it purifies my heart. (Ps. 119:11) When I quote God's Word, it defeats my enemies. (Eph. 6:10,17) When I meditate on God's Word, it brings me success. (Josh. 1:8) When I abide in God's Word, it gives me confidence. (John 15:7)

I AM A BIBLE-BELIEVING Follower of Jesus Christ!



