

# **Importance of the Work of God**

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## I. Introduction.

### II. Salvation comes through the Word. (1 Peter 1:23, James 1:22, 2 Timothy 3:15)

A. Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God in living form, and the Bible is the perfect expression of God in written form.

B. We express the Bible through our lives. (2 Corinthians 3)

C. We are saved through the message of the Bible. (Acts 4:12, Revelation 19:13, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, John 6:63)

1. We must recognize that we are a sinner for salvation. (Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23)

2. Salvation is a free gift that must be accepted from and through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

- Hebrews 9:27
- Romans 5:8
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- John 1:12

3. The Word is effective for salvation. It is the seed in the ground necessary for salvation.

### III. The Bible provides spiritual growth. (1 Peter 2:2-3)

A. You are strong because of the Word abiding. (1 John 2:14, 1 Peter 2:2-3, Acts 20:32)

B. The Word builds one up. (Matthew 4:4)

C. You feed on the Word of God for growth. (John 6:63)

### IV. Through the Bible we help others. (1 Peter 2:11)

A. We are to speak the Word of God.

B. There is an expectation that we be teachers of the Word. (1 Peter 5:13)

C. You have to minister through the Word. (Mark 4:19)

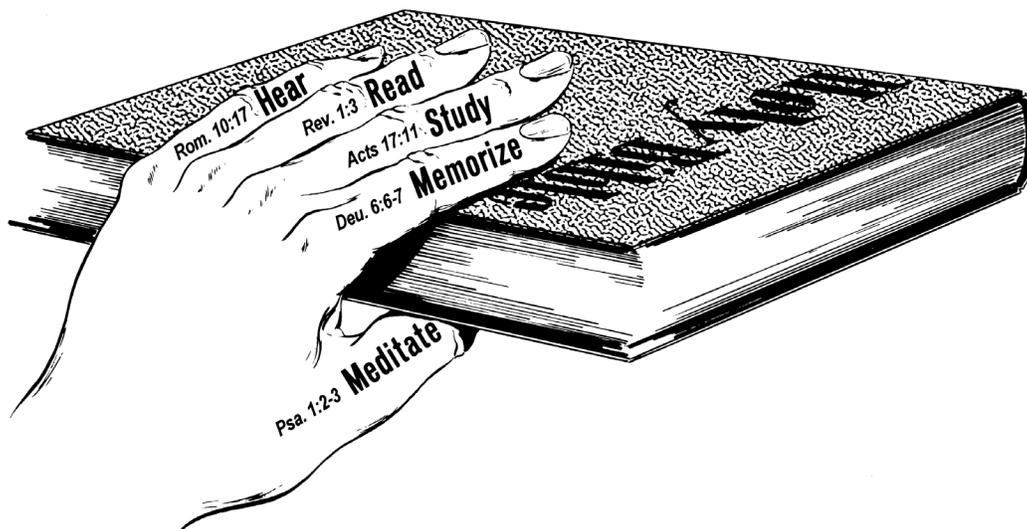
D. We are ministers of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:19-20)

E. The Word makes us happy. (Jeremiah 5:15-16)

## V. Conclusion.

## The Word Hand

### Scripture Memory Pack



**Hear to be informed** - Romans 10:17; Jeremiah 3:15

Hearing the Word from godly pastors and teachers provides us insight into other's study of the Scriptures as well as stimulating our own appetites for the Word.

**Read to be healthy** - Revelation 1:3; Deuteronomy 17:19

Reading the Bible gives us an overall picture of God's Word. Many find helpful a daily reading program which takes them systematically through the Bible.

**Study to be intelligent** - Acts 17:11; II Timothy 2:15

Studying the Scriptures leads us into personal discoveries of God's truths. Writing down these discoveries helps us organize and remember them better.

**Memorize to be skillful** - Deuteronomy 6:6-7; Proverbs 7:1-3

Memorizing God's Word enables us to use the Sword of the Spirit to overcome Satan and temptations, to have it readily available for witnessing or helping others with a "word in season."

**Meditate to be fruitful** - Psalm 1:2-3; I Timothy 4:15

Meditation is the thumb of the Word Hand, for it is used in conjunction with each of the other four methods of intake. Only as we meditate on God's Word, thinking of its meaning and application to our life, will we discover its transforming power at work within us.

**Apply to be obedient** - Ezra 7:10; James 1:22

Application of the Word of God to our daily life is a continual process that enables us to obediently walk in close personal fellowship with Him.

**Proclaim to be reproductive** - Colossians 1:28-29; II Timothy 2:2

Our objective: to know, love and glorify God and to be used of Him to raise up qualified laborers in significant numbers, as fast as possible, to help fulfill the Great Commission.

**Application questions**

1. How does the Bible assist us in salvation?

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2. How can we help others with the Bible?

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3. How does the Bible assist us in spiritual growth? What might your life look like with a more regular implementation of God's Word?

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