

What Can Make me Change: God's Word in My Heart

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Bible is a book of God's message to man about Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 1:1-2)
- B. God gave us the Bible as God's special revelation of God trying to meet man, which is unique among religions. (Psalm 119:151)
- C. Jesus draws us to God not fear of death. (1 Corinthians 2:14)

II. What is unique about the Bible.

- A. It is God making a bid for man. (Romans 5:8)
- B. All the heroes in the Bible have their faults as well as their good characteristics revealed.
- C. It portrays Christianity as an all or nothing concept. The only way we get to God is through Jesus Christ. (John 14:6)

III. The importance of God's Word in salvation, growth and ministry.

- A. The written Word tells of the Living Word - Jesus. Jesus brings us to God. (Revelation 19:13, 1Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 4:2, Romans 6:17)
- B. Beginning with Christ Scripture memory pack
- C. Memorize verses on the gospel: the fact of sin, the penalty of sin, the free gift of Christ and the need to accept it. (Romans 3:23, 6:23, Hebrews 9:27, Romans 5:8)
 - 1. Memorizing Scripture makes one confident in natural evangelism.
 - 2. One only needs about 300 verses to touch on every basic subject in Scripture.
 - 3. The secret of memorizing Scripture is daily plodding.
- D. People need a lot of care as new spiritual babes, so they need to memorize Scripture.
- E. Scripture memory changes our thought patterns - we have to reprogram ourselves. (Proverbs 23:7)
- F. We also need to read our Bible daily.

IV. Question and answer.

- A. Scripture memory prepares us for the dry times.
- B. Memorize key verses - and some select chapters.

D. To begin, start with the Beginning With Christ pack and then get some accountability.

Application questions

1. Why is the Bible central to Christianity, and why is it unique?

2. Explain the importance of Scripture memory and daily Bible reading.

3. Memorize Psalm 119:11 and write it below. How does this verse contribute to the discipline of Scripture memory?
