

Importance of the Word of God

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I. Introduction.

A. Jesus Christ and the word of God are the same in essence although not in form.

B. An attack on the word of God is an attack on Jesus because this is the way we have a relationship with Christ.

C. Text: Luke 16:31, I Thessalonians 2:13.

II. The word of God testifies to Jesus—miracles are not sufficient.

III. The word of God is the only thing that changes the life for God's glory.

IV. The characteristics of Jesus and the word of God.

A. They are both truth. (Psalm 119:142, John 17:17)

B. They are both life.

C. They are both light.

D. They are both precious. (I Peter 2:7)

E. They are both eternal.

F. They are both our counselors.

G. They are both our shields.

H. They are both pure.

V. The ministries of Jesus and the word of God are identical.

A. They both regenerate.

B. They both set us free from sin.

C. They both sanctify and cleanse us. (Ephesians 5:26, I Corinthians 1:30, Hebrews 4:12-13)

D. They both discern the thought life.

- E. They both indwell us.
- F. They both were involved in creation.
- G. They both are involved in judgment.
- H. They both produce righteousness.
- I. They both bring peace.
- J. They both cause the disobedient to stumble. (I Peter 2:7)
- K. They both produce faith.
- L. They both give strength.

VI. Our responsibilities to Jesus and the word of God are identical.

- A. We are to feed upon them. They are both our life. (Joshua 1:8, John 6:63)
- B. We love them. (Psalm 119:97, John 14:21)
- C. We obey them. (I Samuel 15:22, John 15:10, Acts 5:29)
- D. We preach them. (Acts 4:29, II Timothy 4:2)
- E. We are to meditate upon them.
- F. We are to glorify them.
- G. We are to let them live in us.
- H. We are to have confidence in them.

Application questions:

1. What stands out to you about the relationship between Christ and the Word of God? Explain.

2. Which area of responsibility do you struggle with the most? Explain.

3. How will you commit to growing in your relationship with Christ through a more systematic study of the Bible? Be specific.
