

# **The Disciple and His Bible and Prayer**

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## I. Introduction.

### II. How the Word is effective in salvation.

- A. There is one way to God but many ways to Jesus. (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)
- B. You can believe the Bible and still be lost, but the Bible teaches us about Jesus.
- C. The Bible is the perfect expression of God in written form and Jesus is the perfect expression of God in flesh. (Revelation 19:13, 1 Thessalonians 2:13)
- D. You cannot contaminate the Word of God.
- E. We are to do what the hypocrites say but not as they do. (Matthew 23:3, John 6:63)
- F. We put our faith in God's Word and are saved by grace. (1 Thessalonians 2:13, Hebrews 10:35-36)
- G. The death, burial and resurrection of Christ is the gospel. (1 Corinthians 15:1-3)
- H. We are saved in three ways.
  - 1. From the penalty of sin (past). (1 Peter 1:23)
  - 2. From the power of sin (present). (Matthew 5:35)
  - 3. From the presence of sin (future). (Philippians 3:21)

### III. How the Word is effective in growth. (1 Peter 2:2-3, 2 Peter 3:18)

- A. Babies in Christ need the Word - old people need it just as much.
- B. The Word of God is food. (John 6)
- C. We start growing through the thought pattern. (Proverbs 23:7, Mark 4:24, Mark 7:21-23, Jeremiah 6:19, Matthew 25:34)
- D. We take the pure word of God and get it into our lives to brainwash ourselves with the Word. (Psalm 26, Proverbs 30:5, 1 Corinthians 7, Proverbs 19)
- E. Our problem is ignorance in the Word. (Matthew 22:29, 1 John 2:19)

### IV. How the Word is effective in ministry. (Mark 4:14, 1 Peter 4:11)

- A. We ought to give people the content of the Scripture more than verse and reference. (Hebrews 5:12-14)

- B. The Bible is a rulebook that helps us get from one point to another and govern our lives.
- C. We want to get people involved in the rules to save their souls.

**Application questions**

1. How is the Word of God effective in salvation?

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2. How does the Word of God help us grow? How can “brainwashing” be a positive thing?

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3. Memorize three verses supporting the different aspects of salvation and write them in the space below.

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