

## SERMON NOTES

### Authority Series, Part 2

### "Authority of the Word"

#### I Thessalonians 2

- We are thinking today about the Bible . . . the Word of God.
- The overarching truth of authority is:  
You will never be over until you are under.

(I Thessalonians 2:13)

- The Bible doesn't call itself the Bible. God's favorite term for the Bible is "the Word of God". e.g.

Mark 7:13	Luke 5:1	Acts 4:31	Ephesians 6:17
Colossians 1:25	I Timothy 4:5	Hebrews 4:12	I Peter 1:23
II Peter 3:5	Revelation 20:4		

- Now if this book is the Word of God, there are 3 truths that come out of it . . .

#### I. Truth concerning **inspiration** (I Thessalonians 2:13) (II Timothy 3:16)

- "inspired" means "God breathed"

(II Peter 1:21)

- by inspiration we do not mean:

- natural** inspiration
- partial** inspiration
- progressive** inspiration

- We believe in verbal, plenary inspiration.

- verbal (latin "vervos" for "Word") i.e. word for word inspiration
- plenary (latin "plenus" for "full") i.e. fully inspired

#### II. Truth concerning **identification** (the Bible is not the only thing called "the Word of God")

- Jesus is also called the Word of God (Revelation 19:13; John 1:1)

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| - Both are said to be <b>eternal</b>    | I Peter 1:23   | Revelation 1:18 |
| - Both are said to be <b>unchanging</b> | Matthew 5:18   | Hebrews 13:8    |
| - Both are said to be <b>light</b>      | Psalms 119:103 | John 8:12       |
| - Both are said to be <b>true</b>       | John 17:17     | John 14:6       |

#### III. Truth concerning \_\_\_\_\_ (or importance) "Which performs it's work in you" I Thessalonians 2:13

- How does it work in us?

A. it brings \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:12)

- "active" is Greek "energais" (energizing)

- "judge" is the word for "critic"; you don't read it . . . it reads you!

B. it brings \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 1:23-25)

C. it brings \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:3)

D. it brings \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 119:9, 11)

E. it brings \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 5:13) (John 5:24)

F. it brings \_\_\_\_\_ (I Peter 2:2)

- This book is to be our authority! Our church and our lives will be strong if built upon the Word of God.