

# “How Important Is The Word?”

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Text: Acts 7:20

Theme: To promote respect for the word of God.

## **Introduction:**

1. Words are vehicles of communication which transfer to our minds thoughts and ideas.
  - a. Truths of God are transmitted to us in this manner, “*combining spiritual things with spiritual words.*” - IICorinthians 2:13.
  - b. Jesus prayed not only for his present disciples but also for those who would believe through his word □ John 7:20.
2. In Jesus’ conversation with Thomas, he stated, “*Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen me, and yet have believed*” - John 20:29.
  - a. We are not of those who were privileged to have been in the company of Jesus and to have seen first hand his majesty, but we have a special blessing as we believe on him and see him through the eye of faith.
  - b. Romans 10:17; John 20:30,31.

**Discussion:**

- I. How important is the word of Christ to us?
  - A. The apostles were endowed with power manifested in words □ Acts □.
    1. Every man heard them in his own language □ v.6.
    2. Peter stated □ “*Ye men of Israel hear these words*” v. 22.
    3. God was credited for what Israel saw and heard □ v. 33.
    4. The hearing was effective □ v.37.
    5. Peter continued to exhort them with “*many other words*” □ v.40.
    6. “*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized*” □ v.41.
    7. Following their conversion, “*They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching*” - v.42.
  - B. The importance of the word is evident.
    1. The gospel is God combining spiritual things with words □ I Corinthisans □:13.
    2. The world in its own wisdom knew not God; God through the foolish (according to worldly wisdom) message preached saves those that believe □ I Corinthisans □:21.
    3. As Paul left the Ephesian elders, he commended them to God's grace and word as the sustaining power □ Acts □0:32.
    4. God's word guards us until our salvation is completed □ I Peter □:5.
    5. The word in our hearts enables us to give answer to those who ask about our hope - I Peter □:15.
- II. A great lesson in Jesus feeding the five thousand □ John □.
  - A. Something more important than loaves and fishes and manna that sustains the flesh in this life □ vv.26-31.
  - B. Jesus is the “*bread of life*” and we are spiritually satisfied as we feed on his flesh and drink his blood by means of his word □ vv.31,63,66.

- C. The HOW of feeding spiritually on the Christ is made clear:
1. It is through the word.
  2. *“They shall all be TAUGHT of God; everyone that hath HEARD from the Father and hath LEARNED, cometh unto me”*□v.45.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Can error save?- Acts□3:10.
  - a. Lies caused the young prophet to lose his life□ I□Kings□3:9.
  - b. Cain’s failure to hear and obey led to a rejection of his offering□Genesis□4:5.
  - c. Admixture to the word of God is unacceptable□ Galatians□1:7; I□Corinthians□4:6; Titus□3:10.
2. Only truth can save us.
  - a. By truth we are purified□ I□Peter□1:22; James□1:21.
  - b. Through the truth we are vindicated□John□3:17,35; 12:48.

### **Invitation:**

### **Bibliography:**

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