Becoming Bible-Driven People

Review:

Why should we become Bible-driven?

- 1. The Bible has been given directly by God.
- 2. The Bible has been given directly to us.

How can we become Bible-driven?

- 1. God promises His grace.
- 2. God expects our effort.

How can we become Bible-driven in reading?

- 1. God opens our hearts to His Word: <u>Illumination</u>.
- 2. We can take in His Word: <u>Study</u>.

How can we become Bible-driven in living?

- God <u>changes</u> our <u>lives</u> with His Word: <u>Sanctification</u>.
 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - a. God's glory shines on us from His Word.

- 2. We can <u>live out</u> His Word: <u>Application</u>. James 1:22-25
 - a. Hearing only forfeits blessing.
 - i. Hearing only is deceitful.
 - ii. Hearing only is <u>forgetful</u>.
 - b. Doing also brings blessing.
 - i. Doing also requires intensity.
 - ii. Doing also requires action.

Principles for application:

- Are there any <u>truths</u> to believe?
- Are there any <u>commands</u> for me to obey?
- Are there any <u>blessings</u> for me to appreciate?
- Are there any warnings for me to consider?
- Are there any sins for me to avoid/confess?
- Are there any <u>examples</u> for me to follow/reject?

b. God's image develops in us by His Spirit.