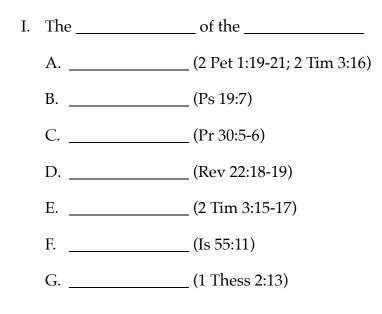
Pastor Matt Morrell Sunday, July 23, 2023 Fourth Baptist Church

The Sword of the Spirit Ephesians 6:17b

God's Word is the spiritual sword that pierces the darkness of our world and of our own hearts.



II. The ______ to be _____ A. _____ 1. _____ (2 Tim 3:15; Rom 10:14-16) 2. ______ (Ps 19:7-11) B. ______ (Mt 4:1-11; Ps 119:11) God superintended the human authors so that, using their own individual personalities, they composed and recorded without error His revelation to man in the words of the original autographs. - *Charles Ryrie*

This sword is to be used . . . when believers go on the attack and make new conquests in God's cause . . . the faithful speaking forth of the gospel in the realm of darkness, so that men and women held by Satan might hear this liberating and life-giving word and be freed from his grasp. *- Peter O'Brien*

The first and principal duty of a pastor is to feed the flock by diligent preaching of the Word . . . the feeding is the essence of the office of a pastor. - *John Owen*