

# Called to be Stewards of the Word of God

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## **1.0 God's Word: The Communication of God's Thoughts**

- 1.1 Language: God's created vehicle of communication
- 1.2 An essential component of God's nature: He is a communicating God  
*Gen. 1:3 And God said...*
- 1.3 God's communion within His Triune Being  
*John 1:3 ...and the Word was with God...*
- 1.4 The creation of man: A direct result of the communication of God's thoughts  
*Gen. 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.*

## **2.0 God's Word & the Lord Jesus Christ—the Living Word of God**

- 2.1 The Son of God = The Eternal Word of the Father  
*John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.*
- 2.2 The Living Word of God: The full and supreme revelation of the Father  
*John 14:9 He that hath seen me hath seen the Father.*
- 2.3 The Word of God: One of the special Names of the Lord Jesus Christ  
*Rev. 19:13 His name is called The Word of God.*

## **3.0 God's Written Word:**

- 3.1 God's unspeakable gift to fallen sinners—given to make us wise unto salvation!
- 3.2 The Father's Testimony about His Son, the Living Word  
*1 John 5:9-10 This is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son... the record that God gave of his Son.*
- 3.3 Inspired by the Spirit of the Father and of the Son  
*2 Tim. 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God*  
*2 Pet 1:21 Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*  
*John 16:13-15 When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth...He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you...He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.*
- 3.4 Purchased with the Blood of the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ  
*John 19:28 Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*

## **4.0 God's Sovereignty and our Possession of His Written Word**

### **4.1 Our possession of God's written Word: A completely unmerited favor**

*Psa. 147:19-20 Hesheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation.*

### **4.2 The manifestation of this favor in previous generations**

*Psa. 44:1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.*

*2 Tim. 3:14 Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;*

### **4.3 The profound reason for the manifestation of this favor: It pleased God!**

### **4.4 A profound implication of this favor: God's sovereignty defines our responsibility!**

## **5.0 Our Sacred Obligation toward God's Sovereign Favor: We Must Be Stewards of His Written Word**

### **5.1 We must believe His written Word by believing in His Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ**

*1 John 3:23 This is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ*

### **5.2 We must honor His written Word by living according to this Word**

*John 14:23 If a man love me, he will keep my words.*

### **5.3 We must publish that Word to our fellow human beings**

*Psa. 68:11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.*

## **6.0 The Searching Question of this Hour: What Have You Done with God's Precious Word?**

*Isa. 5:4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?*

*2 Tim. 3:15 From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*

## **7.0 The Final Judgment: The Living Word (= the Lord Jesus Christ) Will Judge us by His Written Word**

*John 12:47-48 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*

## **8.0 The Essential Promise of God's Written Word: Whoever Believes in the Living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ, will not perish, but have eternal life**

*John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*