

# Authority of God's Word

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When we approach the topic of God's Word there are many aspects that must be grasped by those who desire an understanding of it. We often look between the pages of the Book we have come to trust in and esteem and have placed all our hope in what God speaks to us through these pages. However, the Lord makes it clear in Matthew 5:37 – 39 that the purpose of the pages of the Book is to reveal the Lord of the Book and bring us face to face with Christ.

Because of this we must become diligent in seeking Christ through the God's Word and never stop short of associating everything that is written as pointing to Christ and revealing His nature, His character and His desire for the people who call Him their Master, Savior, Lord and God.

1. What do you feel is God's greatest purpose in giving us His Written Word? (b) Do you feel that you allow what is written to formulate your thoughts and govern the decisions you make on a daily basis? (c) If you can, give an example of how you allowed the Bible to affect a decision you made in your life.
  
2. The centurion told Jesus, "*Lord, I believe, help my unbelief...*" To believe God means that you will also believe what the Bible says. What do you feel is the best definition of what it means to believe? (b) Do you feel that you are stronger in one area of life than others? (c) What do you feel it will take to grow stronger in areas where your faith is weak?
  
3. There are many different terms written that refer to God's Word. You have the Word and the Bible as two. What are some other words used that references the Bible?
  
4. Read the following scriptures concerning the Bible and give your interpretation for each one, using definitions where you feel greater clarity is needed.
  - a. Acts 17:10 – 12
  
  - b. Second Timothy 3:14 – 17
  
  - c. John 8:42 – 47
  
  - d. Luke 4:1 – 13

- e. Luke 4:18; Luke 9:6; Romans 1:16;
- f. Romans 15:18, 19; First Thessalonians 1:5; Mark 16:20;
- g. Luke 8:4 – 15
- h. John 1:1 – 14
- i. Hebrews 13:8; Acts 2:22; Acts 4:23 – 31
- j. Acts 6:1 – 7
- k. Acts 20:32
- l. Romans 10:17
- m. Mark 7:5 -13
- n. Galatians 1:6 - 9
- o. First Thessalonians 2:1 – 13
- p. First Timothy 4:4, 5
- q. Second Timothy 2:14 – 16
- r. Titus 1:2, 3
- s. Hebrews 4:11, 12
- t. Hebrews 11:1 – 5
- u. First Peter 1:23
- v. Revelation 19:11 – 16

5. What do you feel is your responsibility before God in living to please Him? What one passage of Scripture from above do you feel will influence your walk with God from this day forward?