



# The Words of Life: Scripture as The Living and Active Word of God

*And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.* 1 Thessalonians 2:13

## Lesson One: Introduction

### 1. *Let's begin with some definitions:*

What does the word *Bible* mean?

What does the word *Scriptures* mean?

What does the word *revelation* mean?

### 2. *Time to think a little harder:*

What is the Bible?

What do we mean by the Bible is "the word of God"?

Why do we need revelation from God?

(Consider each passage below and determine how each emphasizes our need for revelation from God. Add your own Scriptures.)

a. Jeremiah 17:9

b. Jeremiah 10:23

c. Jeremiah 9:23-24

d. Psalm 16:25

e. Romans 11:33

f. John 6:68

g. Ephesians 5:7

h. Proverbs 3:5-7

List some of the ways the Word of God is described in the Bible.

What is the purpose or aim of the Bible?

What does it mean to say the Word is "living and active"?

What do we mean by the "inspiration of the Scriptures"?

How then should we approach the reading and study of the Bible?

**3. Your opportunity to exposit:**

Read ***Psalm 25***

What does this Psalm reveal about God's nature?

What does it reveal about God's relationship to His Word?

What does it reveal about God's relationship with His people?

What is necessary to receive God's instruction properly?

## Psalm 25: Applying for a Scholarship to the College of Grace

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. *Psalm 143:8-9*

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long. *Psalm 43:3*

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. *Psalm 33:4*

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. *Isaiah 66:1-2; Psalm 18:27-28; Zephaniah 2:3; James 4:6, 10*

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. *Psalm 138:2*

For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.

Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. *Psalm 32:8-9*

**Result:** His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.

The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them HIS COVENANT.

My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

### **A Plea**

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.

The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.

Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.

Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.

**Redeem** Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.