

Determining What The Word of God Does with You

1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Introduction Elvis

Text V. 13 2 words received (hear with the ear)

(accepted) – To welcome, hear with the heart.

The Christians not only heard with their ears but they also comprehended it and appropriated it into their lives.

****** What you do with the Word of God determines what the Word of God does with you.**

This verse alludes to two basic ideas about the Word of God.

****** What is the Word of God**

Not the word of men but the Word of God.

That makes the Bible a unique book.

The Bible is unique in its origin in that it was inspired by the Spirit of God. 2 Timothy 3:16 “ALL SCRIPTURE is God breathed

Several theories --" not important

Most important – The words of this book were not imagined by the mind of man but were instead inspired by the mind of God.

The Bible is unique in character. It is unlike any other book ever written Psalm 19:7-9 “ The law of the LORD is perfect. Reviving the soul...”

The Bible is a phenomenon It has survived the abuse of its enemies and misuse of its friends. A best seller!

The Bible is unique in its content. It addresses the issues of life in every generation. 2 Timothy 3:17 “So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”

******What the Word of God Does.**

V.13 “The word of God which is at work in you who believe.”

Living Bible “It changed your lives when you believed in it”

The word “energo”= “energize”

Energizes our lives like no other force on earth

Power to transform lives because it is the Word of God.

This can happen to everyone, but it doesn’t happen to everyone.

WHY?

Because what we do with the word of God determines what the word of God does with us.

******God’s Word at work in our lives**

v.14-15 For you brothers became imitators of God’s Churches

in Judea which are in Christ Jesus. You suffered from your own countrymen the same things the Jews who killed the Lord Jesus and prophets and also drove us out.

How do we know God's Word is at work in our lives?

By our holiness in our lives.

By our faithfulness in church attendance.

By our love for the brethren.

By our rigorous assault on evil around us.

*****Their willingness to suffer for Christ -clearest evidence**

Not the absence of suffering or problems or disappointments or failures