

"How Special is the Word of God?"

I Peter 4

- **22** "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, **23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ...the word of the Lord remains forever." (I Peter 1:22-23)

Special Enough To Convict of Sins

- Josiah – “And when the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his clothes. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord, to do according to all that is written in this book.” (II Chron. 34:19, 21)

Special Enough To Convict of Sins

- “And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:” (John 16:8)
- “Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart,...So those who received his word were baptized...” (Acts 2:37, 41)

Special Enough to Correct Our Lives

- “With regard to the works of man, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent.” (Psalm 17:4)
- God’s word corrects believers.
 - Aquila and Priscilla taught Apollos – a godly young preacher (Acts 18:24-26)
 - Paul taught the former disciples of John (Acts 19:1-7)

Special Enough To Cleanse our Sins

- “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.” (Psalm 119:9)
- “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,” (I Peter 1:22)

Special Enough To Cleanse our Sins

- “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)
- “Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.”
(John 15:3)

Special Enough To Confirm the Truth To Our Hearts

- “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.” (John 5:24)
- “I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.” (Psalm 32:5)
- Obedience leads to instant forgiveness.

Special Enough To Equip Us For Life

- “to make you know what is right and true that you may give a true answer to those who sent you?” (Proverbs 22:21)
- “Put on the whole armor of God,...to stand against the schemes of the devil. ...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” (Ephesians 6:10, 17)

Special Enough To Save us

- “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”
(John 6:63)
- “The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day.” (John 12:48)