- I. The Word of God is God's message to us
 - A. It is a message of truth

"No prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke for God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:20-21)

"All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal." (Psalm 119:160)

- B. It is a message of <u>love</u>
- C. It is a message of grace

"These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31)

- II. The Word of God is alive
 - A. God's word brings new life to dead sinners

"You have been born again, not of perishable seed, but imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God." (I Peter 1:23)

B. God's word brings revival to believers

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul." (Psalm 19:7)

III. The Word of God is powerfully active

"So is my Word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:11)

- A. God's Word powerfully leads people to repentance
- B. God's Word powerfully condemns people who reject Christ
- IV. The Word of God is used by God to do <u>spiritual surgery</u>

"Take the helmet of Salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." (Ephesians 6:17)

- A. God's Word correctly reveals our need
- B. God's Word clearly reveals our Savior
- V. The Word of God judges the thoughts of our heart

"The Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts." (I Chronicles 28:9)

A. We should accept God's judgment of our heart

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word." (Psalm 119:9)

- VI. The Word of God discerns our <u>attitudes</u>
 - A. We should allow the Word of God to change our attitude
- VII. The Word of God is a light that reveals everything

"There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known." (Luke 12:22)

- A. God's Word will reveal all that is <u>hidden</u>
- B. God's Word is the truth by which we are <u>judged</u>