I. The Word of God is God's message to us

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16)

A. It brings us the message of salvation

"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)

B. It brings us the message of holiness

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight." (Ephesians 1:4)

C. It brings us the message of <u>heaven</u>

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2)

- II. The Word of God is alive and relevant for today
  - A. The Word of God lives because it endures forever

"Your Word, O Lord is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens." (Psalm 119:89)

B. The Word of God lives because it will accomplish its purpose

"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)

- III. The Word of God is powerfully active
  - A. It is active to give truth

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

B. It is active to give victory over sin

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." (Psalm 119:11)

C. It is active to give guidance

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

D. It is active to give strength

"My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word." (Psalm 119:28)

E. It is active to give comfort

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." (2 Corinthians 1:3)

- F. It is active to give knowledge
- "Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I believe in your commands." (Psalm 119:66)
  - IV. The Word of God is God's way of <u>changing our hearts</u>
- "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." (Ephesians 6:17)
  - A. It penetrates to the core of who we are
  - V. The Word of God is God's accurate judgement of us
    - A. It is the judge of our thoughts
- "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts." (Psalm 139:23)
  - B. It is the judge of our <u>attitudes</u>
  - VI. The Word of God is used to reveal what is <u>hidden</u>
- "There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known." (Luke 12:2)
  - VII. The Word of God is the message to which we must give account
- "So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God." (Romans 4:12)