

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“Why God’s Word is Essential”**

**“iChurch 40-Day Challenge – Pt. 6**

Revelation 1:1-3 & Selected

### **Challenge Number 5:**

I will intentionally read the entire Bible in 2018!

### **God’s Word is Essential for Christian Living Because...**

#### **1. It is the only true revelation of God given to mankind!**

*“The revelation of Jesus Christ...”* Vs. 1a

See Isaiah 55:8-11

#### **2. It is how God declares His purposes to mankind!**

*“...which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.”* Vs. 1b

*“...but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the things for which I sent it.”* Isaiah 55:11b

#### **3. It was given by the inspiration of God to mankind!**

*“He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God.”* Vs. 2a

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God.”* 2 Timothy 3:16a

*“Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human initiative. No, these prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.”* 2 Peter 1:20-21 NLT

#### **4. It is the testimony of Jesus Christ to me!**

*"...who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw." Vs. 2*

*"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that by believing you may have life in His name." John 20:30-31*

#### **5. God turns on the light so I can understand the Bible!**

*"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God."*

1 Corinthians 2:12

*"...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know."*

Ephesians 1:18a

#### **6. It blesses my life greatly when I read it!**

*"Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy."*

Vs. 3a

#### **7. It blesses my life greatly when I hear it!**

*"...and blessed are those who hear." Vs. 3b*

*See 2 Timothy 4:1-5*

#### **8. It blesses my life greatly when I obey it!**

*"...and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." Vs. 3c*

*"If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."*

John 13:17

*"But Jesus said, 'Blesses rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!'" Luke 11:28*