

*The Grace to Keep Loving*  
**“The Grace of the Word”**

2 Timothy 3:16–4:4  
Pages 996 in the Chair Bible  
The Lord’s Day Morning  
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*Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with love incorruptible.* –Ephesians 6:24, c.62 AD

*But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.* –Revelation 2:4, c.90 AD

*The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.*

–Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 89, 1646 AD

1. Only the Word can \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ (15).
2. Only the Word can \_\_\_\_\_ the believer in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (16).
3. Only the Word can \_\_\_\_\_ the believer for God-glorifying \_\_\_\_\_ to others (17).
4. Only the Word is to be \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (4:1–2).
5. Only the Word is the \_\_\_\_\_ for the believer’s doctrinal and ethical positions (4:3–4).

**To keep loving Christ, gather for the preaching of the Word with a prepared heart.**

1. Ask the Lord for humility to receive soft and hard truth (Jas. 4:6).
2. Confess the sins the Lord kindly brings to your attention (1 Jn. 1:9).
3. Pray for your pastor’s doctrine, ethics, and passion (Col. 4:3,4).
4. Guard your sleep on Saturday night (Acts 20:9).
5. Follow the argument with mental discipline (2 Peter 3:16).
6. Keep the text in front of you (Acts 17:11).
7. Write at least one action point for personal application (Jas. 1:22).
8. Tell a trusted friend your action point (Pr 27:17).
9. Complete your action point to express your love to Jesus. (Jn. 14:21).
10. Teach what you have learned to someone else (2 Tim. 2:2).