

Intro: Chet Bitterman. 1981. Missionary and Bible Translator in Colombia, South America. Had said, "I think perhaps God might have me martyred in Colombia. I am willing." Kidnapped by M-19 guerrilla terrorists group. Demands were to stop all translation work. They wouldn't. Wrote letters quoting Scripture and explaining his hope in the gospel which were published in newspapers. 48 days captured before he was killed by gunshot. After he died, Wycliffe applications spiked. Why give your life for a book? B/c it's not just any book. ***It's God's Word.***

Thesis: "God's Word is Trustworthy and True"

I. Inspiration (16a)

- A. After talking about where world is in these last days. ***We need Trustworthy & Truth.***
- B. ***Bible is God's Word.*** Why? It's "breathed out by God." Out of his mouth. *Theopneustos.*
- C. ***Verbal Plenary Inspiration.*** His Spirit gave the words the writers that He wanted.
- D. ***All Scripture.*** Every Word. Passage. Part. **"RED LETTERS."** All God's Word. OT/NT.
- E. ***2 Peter 1:19-21.*** Carried along. Wind. Ship. All the work in the process. Fully involved.
- F. ***Real ppl.*** Real time. Real personality. Sovereign over that too. Exactly who He wanted.
- G. ***Fully Authoritative.*** Inerrant. Infallible. Not to be changed/added to/edited. Powerful.
- H. ***Jn10:35*** Jesus: "Can't be broken." ***Is40:7-8*** "Grass/flowers fade. Word Stands forever."
- I. ***Is. 66:1-2:*** "one to whom I look: he who is humble, contrite in spirit, trembles at my word"

ILLUSTRATION: "When coach is talking, you listen." Boss. Parent. Elder. Respect. Authority. Importance. Wisdom. "Shhhh...quiet...He's talking." ***If God speaks you listen.***

APPLICATION: ***When does God talk.*** Through His Word. Reading/Hearing. Preaching Word. The only infallible part of this sermon is when I read Scripture or quote Scripture. Still important.

II. Salvation (14-15)

- A. ***Able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.*** All Scripture?

ILLUSTRATION: Imagine being able to ask an author about your favorite book/series? ***Tolkien.***

- B. ***Luke 24:26-27; 24:44-47.*** What did Jesus say about this book that He wrote?
- C. ***All about Jesus.*** All about the Gospel. Christ would suffer, die, rise in 3 days. OT/NT.
- D. ***Repentance and forgiveness of sins*** would be preached in His Name to all nations.
- E. ***1 Cor. 15:3-4.*** Paul's teaching: ***Acts 17:2-4; Acts 26:22-23; Acts 28:23-24. Christ!***
- F. ***Story of Scripture is salvation in the gospel.*** Necessity. Sufficiency. Clarity. Authority.

APPLICATION: ***Do you believe the gospel?*** Jesus? God's Word says this is the main point. Do you believe? If you're not trusting in Christ, repent and believe in Jesus for forgiveness of sins. You're commanded to repent. To reject God's Word and message is to reject God.

III. Sanctification (16-17)

- A. ***Profitable for teaching.*** New. Understanding. Wisdom. Faith. Confidence. Knowledge.
- B. ***Reproof/Rebuke.*** Negative implications. Stop this. That's wrong. Not right. ***Repent.***
- C. ***Correction.*** Positive direction. Guidance. Course correct. New path/way. ***Faith/Turn.***
- D. ***Training in Righteousness.*** Necessary diet. Exercise. More like Christ. ***Obedience.***
- E. ***Complete.*** ***Phil1:6:*** "He will carry you completion" His Word is part of His plan/process.
- F. ***Equipped.*** Strengthened. Prepared. Ready. For every good work. Every situation.
- G. ***Isaiah 55:10-11.*** God's Word will accomplish His purposes and won't return void.

ILLUSTRATION: ***Reading the manual.*** Sometimes you've read it and worked on something so much, you know it. It's there. Other times, you need to read up on it/study a little more.

APPLICATION:

1) WORSHIP. We want God to do the talking. We want to hear from Him. His Word.

2) Listen to Him. That's what I would want for each of you in life. Listen to God. Quiet down the noise & distraction. Listen to God through His Word.

2 Peter 1: 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which **you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, **20** knowing this first of all, that **no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.** **21** For **no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.**

Luke 24: 26 **Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"** **27** And **beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.**

Luke 24: 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that **everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.**" **45** Then he **opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,** **46** and said to them, **"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations,** beginning from Jerusalem.

1 Cor.15: 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,**

Acts 17:2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days **he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ."**

Acts 26:22 To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, **saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: 23 that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."**

Acts 28:23 When they had appointed a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in greater numbers. **From morning till evening he expounded to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the Law of Moses and from the Prophets. 24 And some were convinced by what he said, but others disbelieved.**