

## The Written Word

*Scripture reading: II Timothy 3:10-17*

The Word of God is explicit, direct, and without ambiguity. It is the life of the believer and a chart and compass to those who would walk in truth. Without it, the church would be confused by the voice of many spirits and men and would lose her way in a maze of lights not knowing which beam to follow.

There are basic principles of belief which are vital to the believer, which will, under the vigorous testing which follows the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior, be the very life-blood of the Christian and the determining factor as to whether he or she will overcome or fail. The most important basic principles are:

- (1) The Bible is written by God and is the Word of God.
- (2) There are no mistakes in the Bible.
- (3) The truth of the Word is contained in its meaning and not in human interpretation of what the Word means.

*“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (II Timothy 3:16).*

*“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost” (II Peter 1:21).*

These tenets are like the foundation of a very large building which must be laid deep down in the heart of the believer so that when the storms come, the winds blow and the billows roar, he will stand and not fall. So many mighty men have fallen and are falling. The reason is that their building was not founded on the Word of God, but in most cases on what they thought about the Word of God. We have to understand that thoughts about a thing are not necessarily the truth about the thing.

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*Thought for today:* As we read our Bibles, let us remember that the foundation of the Word of God must be firmly established in our hearts so that we would be able to withstand the storms of life.