



Series: 1 Thessalonians: Words of Assurance and Hope

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Title: The Word at Work

### **I. WHAT THE WORD OF GOD IS:**

1. Inspired
  - 2 Timothy 3:14-17
  - 2 Peter 1:16-21
2. Inerrant
3. Authoritative
4. Sufficient
  - 2 Peter 1:3-4

### **II. WHAT THE WORD OF GOD DOES**

1. Instructs us about God
  - Theology should lead to doxology
2. Shows us Christ and our need for him
  - Hebrews 4:12-13
3. Sanctifies us, helping us to fight sin
  - Psalm 119:9-11, 104-105
  - *But in what way shall we attain to this settled happiness of soul? How shall we learn to enjoy God? How obtain such an all-sufficient soul-satisfying portion in him as shall enable us to let go the things of this world as vain and worthless in comparison? I answer, This happiness is to be obtained through the study of the Holy Scriptures. God has therein revealed Himself unto us in the face of Jesus Christ. –George Mueller*
4. Transforms our mind and affections
  - Romans 12:1-2
  - Psalm 119:10, 14, 32, 35, 97, 103
  - *"The only way to dispossess an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one . . . In the Gospel do we so behold God as that we may love God. It is there, and there only, where God stands revealed as an object of confidence to sinners...The Spirit of Adoption is poured upon us, it is then that the heart brought under the mastery of one great and predominant affection is delivered from the tyranny of its former desires, and is the only way that deliverance is possible." –Thomas Chalmers (Scottish pastor from the early 1800's)*
5. Produces perseverance in us