
Words Matter

Messy Church Series

1 Corinthians 14:1-25

**A MADMAN APPEARED IN THE
MARKETPLACE ONE MORNING,
HOLDING A LIGHTED LANTERN IN
THE BRIGHT DAYLIGHT. HE
STARTLED EVERYONE BY CRYING**

**“I’M LOOKING FOR GOD! I’M
LOOKING FOR GOD!”
THE PEOPLE MADE FUN OF HIM,
SAYING, “DO YOU THINK GOD IS
LOST? IS HE HIDING?”**

**THE MADMAN LEAPED AMONG THE
PEOPLE, HIS EYES WILD WITH
ALARM, CRYING, "WHERE IS GOD?
I'LL TELL YOU WHERE HE IS. WE
HAVE KILLED HIM – YOU AND I.**

“ALL OF US ARE HIS MURDERERS. WE HAVE CUT OURSELVES OFF FROM GOD AS THOUGH WE HAVE UNCHAINED THE EARTH FROM THE SUN, AND WE ARE WOBBLING OUT OF CONTROL, PLUNGING BACKWARD, SIDEWARD, FORWARD, IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

**“WE’RE BECOMING COLD
AND DARK AND EMPTY.
DON’T YOU FEEL IT?”**

- FRIEDRICH NIETZSCHE



**A WORLD
WITHOUT
MEANING?**

OBJECT

BIBLE

SUBJECT/INTERPRETER (FILTER)

1. 20 YEAR OLD ETHIOPIAN MALE

2. 40 YEAR OLD JAPANESE FEMALE

3. 70 YEAR OLD AMERICAN JEW

NECESSARY RESULT

MY TRUTH

RELATIVE TRUTH



There is a great superficiality in today's evangelical world. Many Bible-believing Christians share the contemporary case for self-gratification, emotionalism, and anti-intellectualism. Many people who believe in the Bible have never read it.

-Gene Edward Veith Jr.

THE LIVING WORD

**REVELATION OF GOD
JESUS CHRIST
THROUGH HIS SPIRIT**

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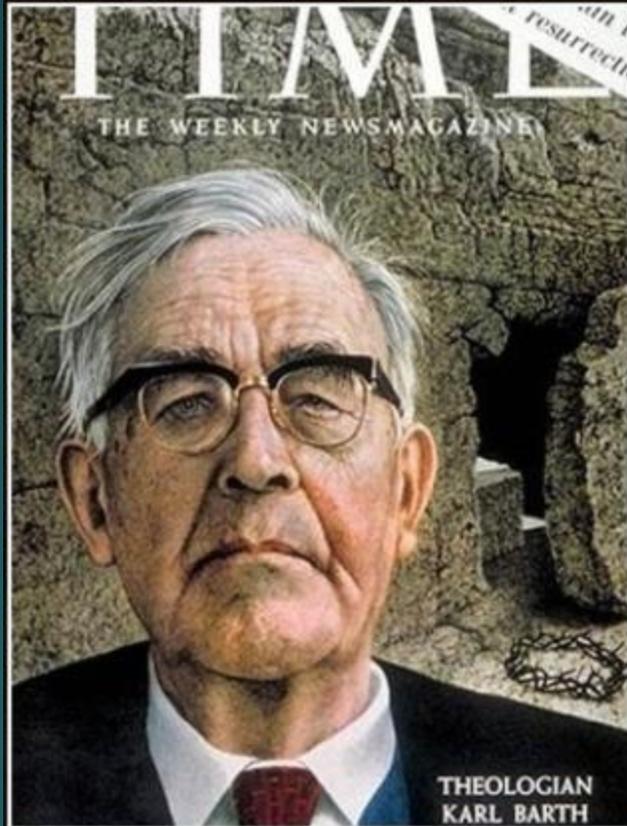
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THE GOOD NEWS

TRUTH TO TELL

TRUTH TO LIVE BY



Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us
in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of
God whom we have to hear, and
whom we have to trust and obey in
life and in death.

— *Karl Barth* —

AZ QUOTES

**THE WORD IS
ESSENTIAL**

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

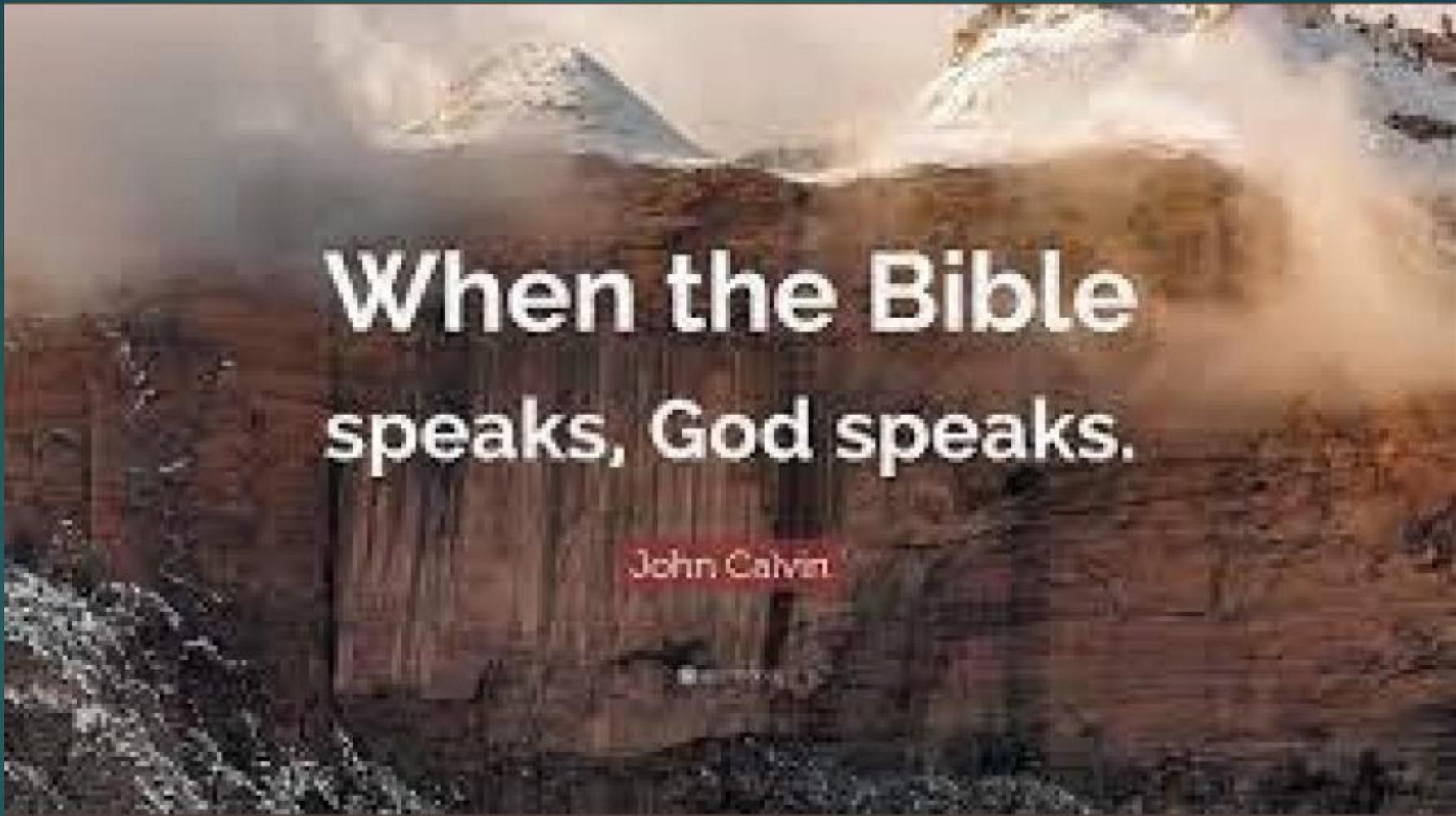
Romans 10:13–17

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

1 Timothy 4:13–16

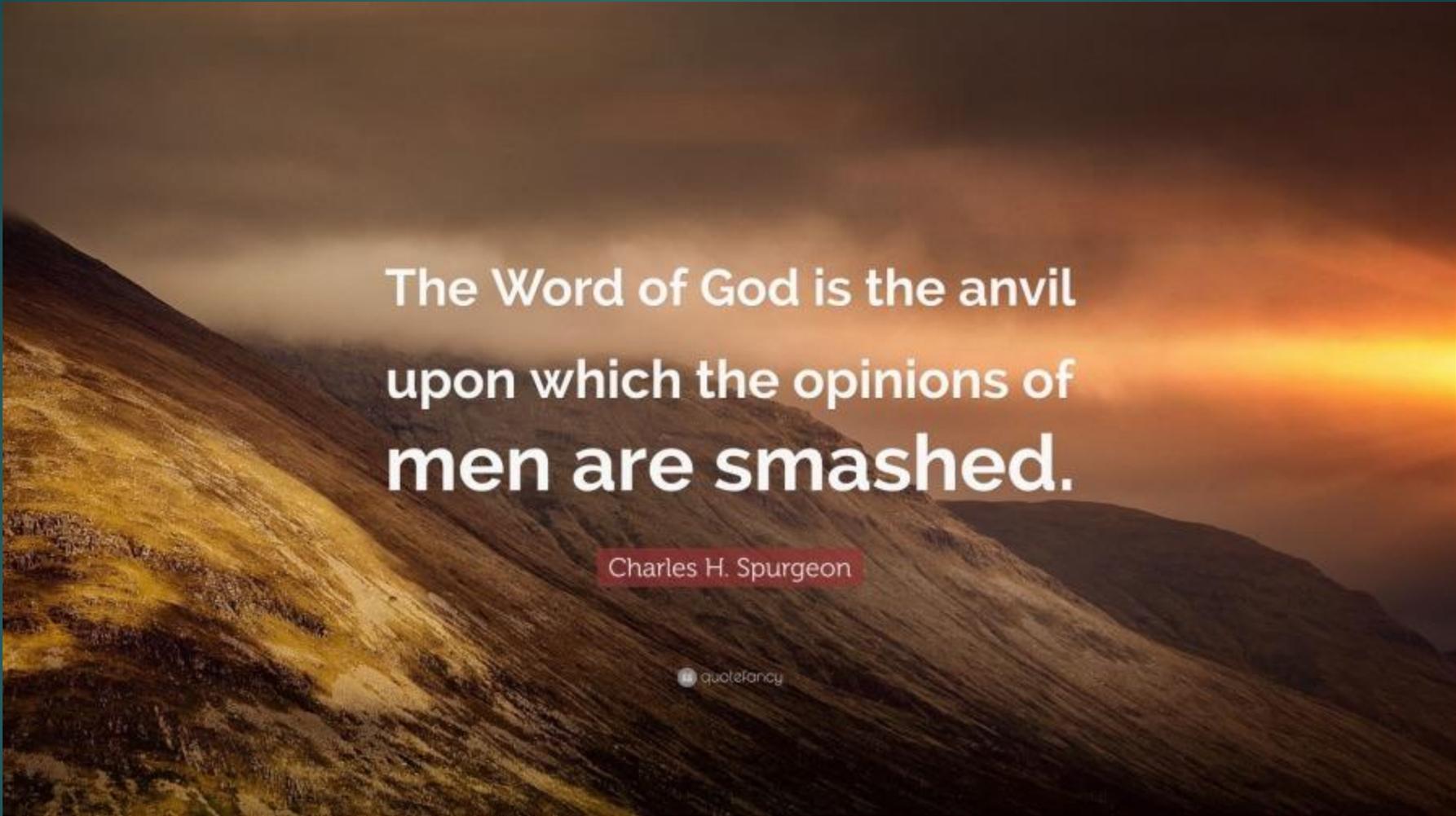
Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.



**When the Bible
speaks, God speaks.**

John Calvin

**SOAK YOURSELF IN
THE WORD**



The Word of God is the anvil
upon which the opinions of
men are smashed.

Charles H. Spurgeon

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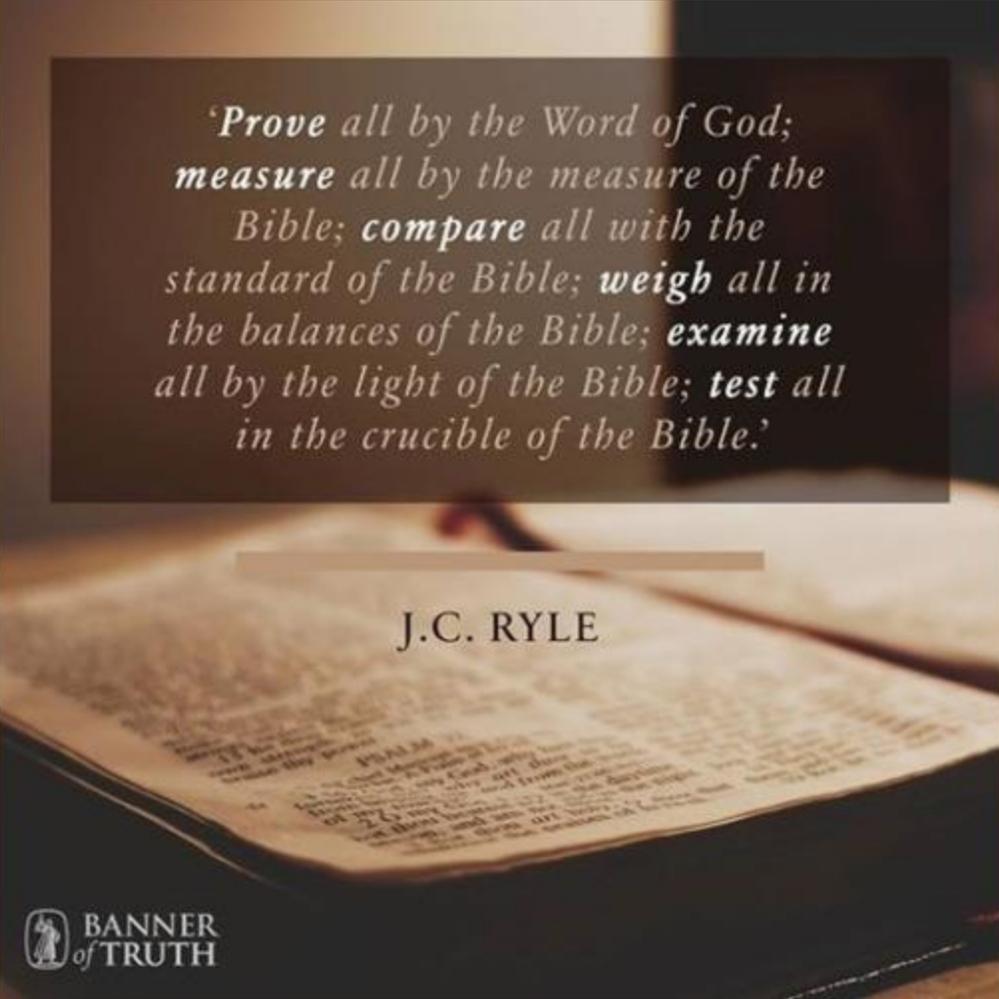


“Whenever an individual, a couple, a family, or a church is prepared to take God at His word and do what He says, lives will be transformed. If we do so, we will better understand who God is and what He has done, and we will be better placed to make a difference in this world and for eternity.”

ALISTAIR BEGG

FROM
LEGACIES OF FAITH
A DAILY DEVOTION





*'Prove all by the Word of God;
measure all by the measure of the
Bible; **compare** all with the
standard of the Bible; **weigh** all in
the balances of the Bible; **examine**
all by the light of the Bible; **test** all
in the crucible of the Bible.'*

J.C. RYLE