

We must know and obey God's Word because the Word emphasizes God's faithfulness and allows us to trust him

I. Introduction

- a. God's word is "God-breathed"
- b. God's word is useful " _____
_____ "

II. Read God's word to remind ourselves of His love for us.

- a. God's "steadfast love," or _____
is one of the major themes of the scriptures.
 - i. A covenant is an ancient treaty between _____.
 - ii. God's relationship to his people is expressed through _____.
- b. This covenant love never _____.
 - i. The verb in Hebrew has the idea _____
_____, _____.
But it is preceded by the word "never" because God's love _____.
 - ii. Nothing can _____.
Romans 8:38-39

III. Read God's word to understand His mercy.

- a. Mercy means _____
we deserve.
- b. His mercies _____;
they are _____.

IV. Read God's word to understand His faithfulness.

- a. Dependable: " _____ " Deut 32:4
- b. Steady: unmoving, like _____ in Ex 17:10-13
- c. Secure: " _____ " Psalm 37:3

**V. Read God's word to get His _____ on life:
the good, _____.**

- a. Understand these verses in the context of the entire book of _____.
 - Lamentations is a Funeral Commemoration of a national tragedy experienced by the Jewish nation.
 - i. Jerusalem _____ Lam 2:15
 - ii. "Those nurtured in purple _____
_____." Lam 4:5.
 - iii. How could someone write Lam 3:22-23 in light of the rest of the book?
- b. Understand Rom 8:38-39 in the context of Rom 8:35-39.
"We are _____
_____."
- c. God's blessing doesn't mean _____.
It means a life _____ while we wait for the New Jerusalem.
- d. This perspective comes only by _____
_____, _____.
 - The stories from the Bible don't minimize pain and suffering.
 - Over 50% of the verses of the Psalms are complaints, not praises. Ecclesiastes?

VI. We must know and obey God's word because the Word emphasizes God's faithfulness and allows us to trust him.

- a. Read it _____.
- b. Read it _____.
- c. Think about it and _____ to your life.