

## “SHUCKING US DOWN TO THE COB V”

(God’s Word)  
MCC Distinctives

### I. Today we continue our Cob Series talking about God’s Word.

#### **A. Last week we talked about prayer, we affirmed the following:**

- 1) The disciples and upper room followers were constantly in prayer...
- 2) The early church was devoted to prayer...
- 3) Paul told the church in Rome (us) to be faithful in prayer...
- 4) Paul told the church in Ephesus (us) to pray on all occasions all kinds of prayers. (Richard Foster says there are 21 different types of prayer)...
- 5) Paul to First Philippi (us): Worry about nothing-pray about everything.
- 6) Paul told the church in Colosse: Pray expectantly and thankfully...
- 7) James wrote: The effective prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
- 8) Luke recorded a parable by Jesus about being persistent in prayer.
- 9) Further: Jesus taught his disciples how to pray; John 17 is Jesus’ longest prayer; deacons were chosen so apostles could devote themselves to the word and prayer; John in Revelation: Golden bowls of incense= prayers of the saints.

#### **B. Today we look at why we at MCC value the Word of God so much.**

- 1) Luther gave the Latin term, Sola Scriptura: Scripture alone. **The Bible is the final authority for all faith and practice for believers in the body of Christ.**
- 2) In our Statement of Faith we say the Word of God is: inspired (God breathed) inerrant (mistake free) infallible (unfailing & totally reliable) and completely relevant (applicable to every area of our lives).
- 3) I love this statement: *“Jesus is the Word; the Bible’s the Word about the Word; preaching is the Word about the Word about the Word.”* (Author unknown)

#### **C. First we must appreciate how Jesus viewed the Word--He believed it!**

- 1) Noah & the flood; (Matthew 24:38-39; Luke 17:26-27)
- 2) Jonah swallowed by a fish; (Matthew 12:39-41)
- 3) Sodom & Gomorrah; (Matthew 10:15; Matthew 11:23-24; Luke 10:12)
- 4) Lot and his wife; (Luke 17:28-32)
- 5) Abel, Cain’s brother, really existed; (Luke 11:51)
- 6) Abraham; (John 8:56-58) Isaac & Jacob; (Luke 13:28)
- 7) Manna; (John 6:31, 49, & 58)
- 8) Moses, Daniel, Jonah, & Isaiah authored their own books...  
(If Jesus really didn’t believe those stories, he was lying and deceiving people...)

#### **D. Jesus quoted scripture constantly. “It is written or you’ve heard it said...”** (Rebuking Satan; Refuting religious leaders; In teaching his disciples & followers.)

#### **E. The following are scriptures about the scriptures...**

- 1) Psalm 119:105: God’s Word illuminates and guides us...
- 2) Matthew 7:24-27: Wise people build their lives on God’s Word...
- 3) Mark 13:31: Heaven and earth will pass but God’s Word is everlasting.
- 4) Luke 8:21: Jesus is kin to those who hear and obey His Word...
- 5) Colossians 3:16: The Word of Christ should dwell in us richly...
- 6) 2 Timothy 3:14-17: God’s Word is inspired, authoritative, accurate, sufficient, relative, profitable, necessary, transforming, equipping... (cf-2 Peter 1:21)
- 7) Hebrews 4:12-13: God’s Word penetrates to our innermost being...
- 8) James 1:22-25: God’s Word is revealing... like a mirror...

#### **F. Bottom line: We as a church believe the Word of God is the Word of God...**

#### **G. Close with various quotes on the Word of God...**

### Sermon Scriptures & Illustrations

#### Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

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

#### Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

**Mark 13:31 (NIV)**

31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

**Luke 8:21 (NIV)**

21 He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

**Colossians 3:16 (NIV)**

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

**2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)**

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)**

12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**James 1:22-25 (NIV)**

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

**My Surgeon**

My doctor had recommended surgery and referred me to a specialist. Arriving early for my appointment, I found the door unlocked and the young surgeon, deeply engrossed in reading, behind the receptionist's desk. When he didn't hear me come in, I cleared my throat. Startled, he closed the book, which I recognized as a Bible. "Does reading the Bible help you before or after an operation?" I asked. My fears were dispelled by his soft, one-word answer: "During."  
- Eleanor Schmidt

**Gathering Apples**

I study my Bible like I gather apples. First, I shake the whole tree that the ripest may fall. Then I shake each limb, and when I have shaken each limb, I shake each branch and every twig. Then I look under every leaf. I search the Bible as a whole like shaking the whole tree. Then I shake every limb--study book after book. Then I shake every branch, giving attention to the chapters. Then I shake every twig, or a careful study of the paragraphs and sentences and words and their meanings. - Martin Luther

**The Bible Like A Telescope**

The Bible is like a telescope. If a man looks through his telescope he sees worlds beyond; but if he looks at his telescope, he does not see anything but that. The Bible is a thing to be looked through to see that which is beyond; but most people only look at it and so they see only the dead letter. - Phillip Brooks

**C.H. Spurgeon On The Book Of God**

I would recommend you either believe God up to the hilt, or else not to believe at all. Believe this book of God, every letter of it, or else reject it. There is no logical standing place between the two. Be satisfied with nothing less than a faith that swims in the deeps of divine revelation; a faith that paddles about the edge of the water is poor faith at best. It is little better than a dry-land faith, and is not good for much. - C.H. Spurgeon

**This Book**

An unknown writer said, "This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of

pleasure. Follow its precepts and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for eternity. - Unknown