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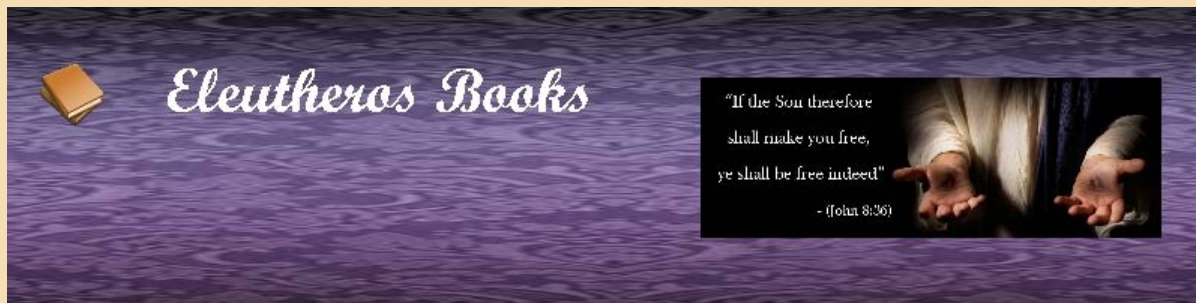
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## How Important is the Bible?

Part 3

*Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me...*

([II Timothy 1:13a](#))

We live in a day in which the Bible is being ignored, poorly taught, attacked, and belittled. There are many, even in religious circles, who minimize spiritual truth by spending much time expounding on such things as philosophy, personal illustrations, "pet doctrines," personal improvement plans," economic prosperity, opinions which may or may not be Biblically based, political outlooks, and the validity of programs which may or may not have much spiritual value.

In the very early days of the Church it became apparent that there was a need to minister to a large number of widows who were in Jerusalem. For a time the Apostles conducted their evangelistic work, but they also spent a fair amount of their time serving

## World Outreach News

Eleutheros Books is committed to reaching out to people all over the world. Here are the various ministries:

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meals. They did not minimize the importance of caring for those needy women, but under the guidance of the Holy Spirit they realized that other men, who became the first deacons, should perform this service. They said, "It is not reason that we should leave the Word of God, and serve tables ([Acts 6:2](#)). They were convinced that their main function in the body of Christ was to give themselves "*continually to pray, and the ministry of the Word.*" ([Acts 6:4](#)).

It would have been very easy for them to remain in the necessary work that the deacons eventually took over. Nobody could say they would not be doing the Lord's work while conducting such ministry!

Later, the Apostle Paul wrote the Pastoral Epistles (I Timothy, II Timothy, and Titus), explaining the role of pastors. Over 50 times in these short epistles he urges that these men devote themselves to the study and preaching of the Word!

In a number of passages Paul pleads that pastoral leadership should *avoid foolishness*. Consider [I Timothy 1:4](#): "*Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying.*" Elsewhere he admonishes that there should be an avoidance of "profane and old wives' fables" ([I Timothy 4:7](#)); of "*vain babblings, and opposition of science falsely so called*" ([I Timothy 6:20](#); see also [II Timothy 2:16-17](#)); and "*foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and*

1,000 copies of "*The Ramifications of Our Salvation*" have been printed in **India!** To learn more or to place an order, contact Persis Abraham in Nashik, Maharashtra:

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An effort is underway to have "*The Ramifications of Our Salvation*" printed in **China!** A printer has been located in Beijing. Pray that the details can be worked out for funding and distribution.

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*striving...*" ([Titus 3:9](#)).

As important as it is to avoid nonsense, it is even more important that the Word of God be taught prayerfully, urgently, consistently, and accurately!

In the first place, a pastor *must* have the gift of teaching ([I Timothy 3:2](#); see also [Titus 1:9](#)). As one looks at the words of the Pastoral epistles, it becomes very apparent that this is the *primary* role of a pastor.

Examples: 1. In II Timothy 3 Paul warns that "*in the last days perilous times shall come*" ([3:1](#)) and urges that pastors "*continue in the things that thou hast learned and hast been assured of...*" ([3:14](#)). In other words, why waste time on *anything* but the truth of God's Word!? 2. In II Timothy 2 he urges that pastors teach others so that heresy and foolishness will not prevail ([2:2-3](#)). 3. In I Timothy 4, Paul pleads, "*Meditate upon these things, give thyself wholly to them; that they profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.*" ([4:15-16](#))! If a pastor wants to preserve his ministry and his people, the way to do it is by *meditating, giving himself wholly to his study of the Word, growing significantly in his awareness of spiritual things* ("that thy profiting may appear to all"), and *continuing in his study*, even though there are many other things he could do!

As was suggested at the beginning of

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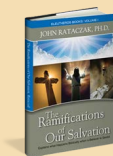
this article, many have been sidetracked into things which cause divisions, promote very questionable beliefs, which are plainly not Biblical, or which are constant repetitions of very elementary points from God's Word.

It is the opinion of Eleutheros Books that this is perhaps the major issue facing the Church today. Would we rather be entertained or edified? Is it more important that we do what makes us comfortable or take heed to what God is telling us about His own Word!?

Sometimes we wonder why we manage to get many people into our church pews and chairs, but our society is crumbling all around us!

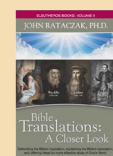
No doubt much explanation for this collapse could be given, but one thing is certain: God's Word is paramount in promoting holiness. But just as the Apostles in Acts avoided the temptation to get into things other than the teaching and preaching of the Word; and just as the Apostle Paul urged Timothy and the pastors he trained to do likewise, our churches, especially the pastors and leaders, would do well to get back to the fundamental tenets of the Bible, avowing so many things that are not helpful in training leaders who can serve our Lord successfully in this present evil age!

Again, as Paul PLEADED, *Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them*



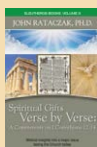
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**That is how important the Bible really is!**

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