

## THE WORD FOLLOWED

Back to the Basics

John 1:1–5

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<sup>18</sup> Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18–20

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup> All things were created through him, and apart from him not one thing was created that has been created. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> That light shines in the darkness, and yet the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1–5

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ TO THE WORD TO FOLLOW

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it benefit someone if he gains the whole world yet loses his life? Or what will anyone give in exchange for his life? Matthew 16:24–26.

### 2. YOU HAVE TO \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOLLOW

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16–17

<sup>9</sup> How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping your word. <sup>10</sup> I have sought you with all my heart; don’t let me wander from your commands. <sup>11</sup> I have treasured your word in my heart so that I may not sin against you. Psalms 119:9–11

### 3. LET THE WORD \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOLLOW

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

<sup>1</sup> How happy is the one who does not walk in the advice of the wicked or stand in the pathway with sinners or sit in the company of mockers! <sup>2</sup> Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted beside flowing streams that bears its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Psalms 1:1–3

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of person he was. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does. James 1:22–25

<sup>9</sup> If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. Romans 10:9–10

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