

“Taking God at His Word”  
Class Notes - Week 2  
Memory Verse: Eph. 4:29

## BELIEVING-FEELING-DOING

Psa. 119:167 “My soul hath kept thy testimonies; and I love them exceeding.”

### BACKGROUND

- Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible.
- The human author is unknown; Daniel, David, Ezra have been suggested.
- The psalmist wrote while under some sort of duress, i.e., vv 23, 42, 61, 78, 110.
- Takes the form of a poem - a “love” poem.
- Written as an acrostic with 22 stanzas each containing 8 verses.
- All 8 verses of the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza start with the 1<sup>st</sup> letter of the Hebrew alphabet.
- That trend continues until all 22 letters of the alphabet have been used in order.
- 8 terms re scripture: law; testimonies; precepts; statutes; commandments; judgments; word; ordinances.

### I. Believing the Word of God - having trust and/or confidence in as being real.

3 qualities of belief:

- 1 - God’s Word says what is true - we can trust in the Word. (vv 42; 142)
- 2- God’s Word demands what is right - a calling for, as necessary. (v 86)
- 3- God’s Word provides what is good - i.e., happiness, safety, counsel, hope. (vv 1, 2; 9; 24; 43)

### II. Feelings for the Word of God - inner affections.

3 expressions of the psalmist:

- 1 - Delight - great joy/pleasure. (vv 14; 47; 70)
- 2 - Desire - covet; strong craving. (v 71)
- 3 - Dependence - (v 31; Amos 8:11; Matt. 4:4)
  - All the attributes of God’s verbal revelation will be found in the person of Jesus Christ - the Word of God incarnate.

### III. Doing the Word of God - on going activity; progressing forward.

Believing in and feelings for the scripture leads to Spirit-prompted actions:  
(vv 172; 13; 15; 9-11; 8; 7; 58) great responses/actions in handling scripture.

God’s Holy Scripture: A doctrine of scripture from scripture itself.

