

**September 22, 2019 SERMON NOTES**  
**I Thessalonians 2:13-16**  
*The Word of God*

**I. God speaks.**

A. God's vision for the church is wrapped up in three truths:

Matthew 16: <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

1. Peter's \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_: "I will build My church."
3. A \_\_\_\_\_: "the gates of Hades will not overpower it."

B. The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_.

*<sup>13</sup> For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its work in you who believe.*

C. Three important terms:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is God's Word to us.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is God's Word from the Biblical authors to the page.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is simply turning on the light of understanding to some area.

D. The Bible is God's Word about \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The people respond (2:13).**

**III. The Word transforms (2:14-16).**

1. Transforms our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Transforms our \_\_\_\_\_.