

Five Words

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“Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue.” (1Co 14:19)

- I. The Apostle Paul said that he would rather speak five words in the church with his understanding than 10,000 words in an unknown tongue **(1Co 14:19)**.
 1. This got me to thinking of powerful and beautiful five-word phrases in scripture that say far more than a room full of babbling Charismatics.
 2. What follows are 10 such phrases and a short exposition of each one.
- II. “There is but one God...” **(1Co 8:6)**
 1. This profound fact separates Old Testament religion and Christianity from nearly every other religion in the world.
 2. The LORD Jehovah is one God **(Deut 6:4)**.
 3. The “gods” of the nations are idols **(Psa 96:5)** and are no gods at all **(2Ki 19:18; Gal 4:8)**.
- III. “In the beginning God created...” **(Gen 1:1)**
 1. This five-word phrase destroys the false doctrines of atheism, evolution, theistic evolution, and the big bang theory.
 2. This profound phrase declares that God is:
 - A. eternal – God was present in the beginning before the universe existed.
 - B. infinitely powerful – it takes infinite power to cause something to come from nothing.
 - C. infinitely intelligent – it takes infinite intelligence to design and create our incredibly complex world.
 - D. sovereign – whoever creates something has absolute control over it.
 3. The first five words of the Bible tell us that God is eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and sovereign.
- IV. “Before Abraham was, I am...” **(Joh 8:58)**
 1. These five words prove that Jesus Christ is the eternal God.
 2. Jesus was claiming to have existed before Abraham who lived 2000 years before Him.
 - A. The only way this could be is if Jesus Christ is eternal.
 - B. Jesus’ human nature was not eternal, but His divine nature is **(Mic 5:2; Joh 1:1-3)**.
 3. Jesus was declaring that He was Jehovah when He said “I am” **(Exo 3:14)**.
- V. “The Word was made flesh...” **(Joh 1:14)**
 1. These five words declare that God became a man.
 2. The Word is the second person of the Trinity **(1Jo 5:7)**.

3. The Word (the divine nature) was joined to human flesh in the womb of the virgin Mary and became the Son of God (**Luk 1:35**).
4. Jesus Christ was God manifest in the flesh (**1Ti 3:16**).

VI. “He shall save His people...” (**Mat 1:21**)

1. These five words declare profound truth regarding soteriology.
2. Jesus is the Savior and none else (**Act 4:12**).
3. Jesus would (and did) *certainly* save particular men (**2Ti 1:9; Heb 10:14**).
4. Jesus saved those who were given to Him (**Joh 6:39; Joh 17:2**).

VII. “Christ died for our sins...” (**1Co 15:3**)

1. These five words declare the core of the gospel.
2. Jesus Christ was the perfect, sinless lamb of God who was sacrificed for our sins (**1Pe 1:18-19; Joh 1:29**).
3. He was made sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (**2Co 5:21**).
4. He bore our sins in His own body to the cross so that we could live eternally (**1Pe 2:24**).

VIII. “Thy law is the truth.” (**Psa 119:142**)

1. These five words reveal the one infallible source of truth in the universe.
2. God’s word (the Bible) is truth (**Joh 17:17**).
3. “All thy commandments are truth.” (**Psa 119:151**)
4. All of God’s words are right, and there is nothing froward or perverse in them (**Pro 8:8**).
5. Every word of God is pure (**Pro 30:5**).

IX. “For the LORD giveth wisdom...” (**Pro 2:6**)

1. These five words tell us the origin of wisdom.
2. Wisdom comes from God (**Exo 36:1**).
3. God’s wisdom is found in Jesus Christ, who is the wisdom of God (**1Co 1:24**).
4. God’s wisdom is also found in His word (**Deut 4:5-6**).
5. God gives wisdom to those who truly desire it (**Pro 2:1-5; Jam 1:5**).

X. “Wisdom is the principal thing...” (**Pro 4:7**)

1. These five words tell us what should be our top priority in life.
2. Wisdom is the most important thing.
 - A. Wisdom *n.* - 1. a. Capacity of judging rightly in matters relating to life and conduct; soundness of judgement in the choice of means and ends; sometimes, less strictly, sound sense, esp. in practical affairs: opp. to *folly*.
 - B. Principal - *adj.* 1. First or highest in rank or importance; that is at the head of all the rest; of the greatest account or value; foremost: = *chief*
3. We should get wisdom with all of our getting (**Pro 4:5-7**).

XI. “Surely I come quickly. Amen.” (**Rev 22:20**)

1. These five words declare that our Lord is going to return.
 - A. It will happen *surely*.

- B. When the time comes, it will happen quickly and suddenly (**1Th 5:3**).
 - C. These are Jesus' final words to us.
- 2. We should desire the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - A. We should be waiting eagerly for His return (**1Th 1:10; Heb 9:28**).
 - B. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (**Rev 22:20**)