

“Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a Crown of Glory that fadeth not away.” 1 Peter 5:2-4 KJV

This epistle was written “*to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.*” He was writing to “*the flock of God.*” On what does the “*flock of God*” feed? We find our answers in the Words of Christ; “*Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of the sheep. By me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The Good Shepherd giveth His Life for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd: and know my sheep, and am known of mine. I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*” Jeremiah said, “*Thy Words were found, and I did eat (consume) them; and Thy Word was unto me the Joy and rejoicing of mine heart.*” The Psalmist wrote, “*How sweet are Thy Words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!*” Again Jesus said, “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*” Whether they be two or a thousand, believer’s fellowship should be centered around the “*Bread of Life, the Word of God, Jesus Christ,*” crucified, risen, and coming again! The whole of Scripture can be summed up in two words, JESUS CHRIST! Charles Spurgeon was hailed as the “Prince of Preachers,” and you could sum up his preaching with this statement, “He took his text and made a beeline to the cross!” “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*” To strengthen the Church, I must “*feed the flock,*” minister the nourishment of God’s Holy Word and nothing else. Other thoughts in the Assembly are directly from Satan with which He saps the Church’s strength and nourishment Believers are weak, because their fellowship is not about Christ, the Word of God! “*The Word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Word of faith.*” A believer’s duty is to fellowship about Christ, the Word!

The Word of God refreshes me,
Molding me how I ought be,
By cleansing sin from ev’ry deed,
It makes my life completely free! ~CGP

The viper of worldliness coils around believer’s tongues and unless alert, it poisons their very heart! If you don’t control your speech, Satan is in control! “*The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of Hell.*” Thought control is speech control. “*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another.*” The world shouts, “You’re brainwashed!” Yes, praise God! And I hope to stay that way! The world’s brain is chained to lust and sin; which “*when it is conceived, bringeth forth death!*” Jesus said, “*Ye shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free. If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed!*” Now, I’m free, yes, eternally free!

“Who can understand his errors? Cleanse Thou me from secret faults. Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my Strength, and my Redeemer.” Psalms 19:12-14 KJV

