INTRODUCTION
1. Our subject is the BIBLE.
2. The word "Bible" is from the Greek word BIBLOS, meaning "books"; the Bible is the Book of books.

I. COMPOSITION OF THE BIBLE
1. TWO great divisions of the Bible:
   (1) The Old Testament -- 2 Cor. 3:14; Heb. 8:13; 8:7; Col. 2:14
   (2) The New Testament -- 2 Cor. 3:6; Matt. 26:28
3. The Bible was written by about 40 (forty) persons during a period of 1,500 years.
4. Moses wrote the first book (Genesis); John wrote the last book (Revelation).
5. The Bible reveals three dispensations of Religion.
   (1) The PATRIARCHAL -- from Creation to the giving of the Law -- 2,500 years.
   (2) The JEWISH -- from the giving of the Law to the death of Christ -- 1,500 years.
   (3) The GOSPEL -- from the death of Christ to the end of the world -- Matt. 28:19 - 20
6. The UNITY of the Bible:
   (1) One purpose -- The Salvation of man -- Gen. 3:15; Gen. 12
   (2) Contains the development of ONE great scheme of salvation.
   (3) The Moral law of the Bible is the same under every dispensation.
7. God has always held man responsible and has always required man to be obedient -- Gen. 2: 16 - 17.

II. WHAT MAN NEEDS TO DO WITH THE BIBLE:
1. BELIEVE it.
   (1) It claims to be from God -- 2 Tim. 3: 16 - 17; 2 Pet. 1: 20 - 21.
   (2) Its Unity proves it.
   (3) Fulfilled prophecy proves it.
   (5) Its high standards proves it.
   (6) Without faith it is impossible to please God -- Heb. 11:6.
   (7) Without faith you cannot be saved -- Mark 16: 16; John 8:24.
   (8) Do YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE?
2. INVESTIGATE IT.
   (1) The Bereans did -- Acts 17:11
   (2) Rightly divide it -- 2 Tim. 2:15
   (3) It gives understanding -- Psa. 119: 130, 104, 99, 100
   (4) It makes us wiser than our enemies -- Psa. 119:98
   (5) It is a light to our path -- Psa. 119: 105
   (6) It converts our soul -- Psa. 19:7
3. BUILD UPON IT.
   (1) We are building upon it when we **hear** and **do** what it says -- Matt. 7:24 - 27.
   (2) Are you building your life on the Word of God -- the Bible?
   (3) No other foundation will stand -- I Cor. 3:11; Psa. 127:1.
   (4) David said, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" -- Psa. 11:3.
   (5) The foundations upon which we are to build are revealed in the BIBLE:
       1. Foundation of the HOME -- Bible.
       2. Foundation of the CHURCH -- Bible.
       3. Foundation of a MORAL LIFE -- Bible.

4. LIVE ITS PRECEPTS.
   (1) "Love not the world" -- I John 2:15 - 17.
   (2) "Be not conformed to this world" -- Rom. 12:1 - 2.
   (3) "Denying ungodliness"-- Tit. 2:12.

5. ENJOY ITS PROMISES
   (1) Remission of sins -- Acts 2:38
   (2) "Seek ye first the kingdom of God ...and all these things shall be added unto you" -- Matt. 6:33.
   (3) Rom. 8:28; Phil. 4:6 - 7
   (4) Eternal life -- I John 2:25