Introduction:
1. "And yet some of you are trying to kill me because my message does not find a place in your hearts." (NLT)
2. The very people who should have been the first to receive Christ and His word were first to reject Him (John 1:11-12).
   (1) The Jews were rooted and grounded in traditions (Matt. 15:2-3) and doctrines of men (Matt. 15:9; 16:6,12), and their hearts were so filled with pride and prejudice & would not receive His word.(John 5:40)
3. Many people today are so filled with the traditions and doctrines of men and prejudice, that they will not give Christ's word a place in their hearts.

I. What Place Should The Word Have In The Hearts Of Men Today?
1. It should have a place of authority (John 12:48; Matt. 28:19; James 4:12; Matt. 17:5; John 6:68).
2. It should have a place of honor (I Thess. 2:13).
   (1) Only those who do what God says honor His word (Matt. 7:21-23)
3. It should have a place of trust.
   (1) The word is infallible (John 17:17; Tit. 1:2).
   (2) God keeps His promises (2 Pet. 3:9).
   (3) God does not change (James 1:17; Heb. 13:8).
4. It should have a place of love (2 Thess. 2:10; Psa. 119:127, 140).
5. It should have an inside place (Psa. 119:11; Col. 3:16).
   (1) It should have a place in our meditation (Psa. 1:2).
6. It should have a permanent place (Prov. 23:23; Matt. 13:45,46; John 8:31).

II. Why Should It Have A Place?
1. The word of Christ is inspired of God (I Cor. 2:13; 2 Tim. 3:16,17).
2. The word of Christ is complete (I Cor. 13:10; Jude 3; James 1:25).
3. The word of Christ contains all that pertains unto life and godliness, (2 Pet. 1:3).
4. The word of Christ saves (Rom. 1:16; James 1:21).
5. The word of Christ is able to build us up spiritually. (Acts 20:32).
6. We will be judged by it (John 12:48; Rom. 2:16).

III. Why The Word Has No Place In Many Men's Hearts:
1. With many, something else occupies the place the word should have.
   (1) Some prefer the words of the preacher (I Cor. 4:6).
   (2) Some prefer the words of a creed (Matt. 15:9).
   (3) Some think they are too wise to have any place for the Word. (I Cor. 1:26).
   (4) Many are too fond of sin to let the Word dwell in them (I John 2:15-17)

IV. What Is The Condition Of Those Who Find No Place For The Word of Christ?
1. Christ will be ashamed of them when He comes the second time. (Mark 8:38)
2. They will be judged by the Word in the last day (John 8:48).
3. They will be punished in hell forever! (2 Thess. 1:8-9; Matt. 25:41,46).

CONCLUSION:
1. His Word to different classes:
   (1) The ALIEN SINNER (John 8:24; Acts 17:30; Acts 8:37; Mk. 16:16).
   (2) The ERRING CHILD (Acts 8:22; I John 1:9).
   (3) The FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN (Matt. 5:13-16; Rev. 2:10; 22:14).
2. WHY NOT GIVE HIS WORD A PLACE IN YOUR LIFE?