

GLADLY RECEIVING THE WORD: WE ARE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST**INTRODUCTION.**

- A. Scripture text: **Acts 17:11**.
- B. Our theme for the next few week in our Wednesday night devo time is "gladly receiving the word."
- C. Each week Wayne and myself will hope to bring out an aspect of this concept to "pump us up" during the middle of the week.
- D. Tonight we are going to talk about "Gladly receiving the word" we are baptized."
- E. But I want to put great emphasis on the attitude of gladly receiving"

I. SOME DID NOT "GLADLY" RECEIVE THE WORD.

- A. Felix understood and receiving the word but rejected it (Ac. 24:25).
- B. He wanted a more convenient time. (An attitude problem.)
- C. Those on Mars Hill thought that Paul's teaching was foolishness, and sneered at him.
- D. The Pharisees rejected what Jesus had to say" always trying to catch Him in a contradiction or a lie.

II. THOSE ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST "GLADLY" RECEIVED THE WORD.

- A. Peter preached a strong message about sin" Jesus the Christ, and how to be forgiven of sin.
- B. The people were "pricked in the heart" and then joyously received the word.
- C. The key to "gladly receiving the word" is that of attitude.

III. THE CORRECT ATTITUDE IN RECEIVING THE WORD.

- A. God's commands are not grievous.
- B. When our attitude is that of wanting to please God" then whatever He tells us to do in His word will not be a burden to do it.
- C. Some people have just enough religion to make them miserable.
- D. We need to have the same attitude that is in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5).
- E. Attending worship services is a joy, not a burden when our attitude is right (Psa. 122:1).
- F. Working on the Outreach Program is a joy when we have our attitude right with God.
- G. Becoming a Christian is something we can't wait to do (Ac. 8:36) The eunuch couldn't wait to be baptized.
- H. My grandmother and her statement of "If anyone can show me the best way" and help me get to heaven by telling me the truth; then I want know."

INVITATION AND CONCLUSION.

- A. Whether we are becoming a Christian or trying to remain faithful, attitude toward the word of God is very important.
- B. Let us strive to receive the word with gladness.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.