“Do You Understand What You Are Reading?”
Acts 8:30

Introduction:
A. It is important to understand what we read.
   1. On medicine bottles. (cf. 2 days running and skip one)
   2. On posted signs. (Posted, No! Hunting)
   3. In Bible.
      b. Jews sometimes needed help in understanding. (Neh. 8:6-8; Acts 8)
B. We need to pay closer attention to the meaning and the application of words:

Discussion:
I. Baptism.
   A. Base meaning: "To dip, wash by dipping, immerse"
   B. Various Bible applications:
      1. In Suffering (Lk. 12:50)
      2. In H.S. and Fire (Matt. 3:11)
      3. In Water.
         a. John (Matt. 3)
         b. Jesus (Matt. 4)
         c. Great Commission (cf. 1 Pet. 3)

II. Soul.
   A. Base meaning: Life or living.
   B. Two Bible applications:
      1. Entire living being (Gen. 2)
      2. Part of being that lives on (Matt. 10:28)

III. Works.
   A. Base meaning: Things one does and results of what he does.
   B. Bible applications:
      1. Merit or accomplishment. (Eph. 2:8,9)
      2. System of works or law of works. (Rom. 3,4)
      3. Acts of obedience the faith. (Jas. 2)

IV. Church.
   A. Base meaning: An assemble called out for a purpose.
   B. Accommodative meanings: Building
   C. Bible Applications:
      1. Israel in the wilderness. (Acts 7:38)
      2. Secular Assembly. (Acts 19)
      3. Universal (Eph. 4:4)
      4. Local
         a. Organization. (1 Cor. 1:1).
         b. Meeting. (1 Cor. 11,14)

V. Fellowship.
   A. Base meaning: Share, jointly participate.
   B. Secular meaning:
   C. Spiritual meaning:
      1. Sharing with Diety and brethren.
      2. Tokens of that sharing.