## Sermon Notes - Dr. Tom Rush, Pastor

## A PULPIT OF WOOD

Nehemiah 8

**Theme:** The centrality of the Word of God in all that we do as a congregation is of immense importance.

## I. A RETURN TO THE WORD OF GOD (8:1-5)

Jerusalem was like a lot of churches today - blessed with marvelous facilities and beautiful sanctuaries but having no heart for the things of God. The people needed spiritual depth in their lives.

1. Bring your to church.
2. Bring <i>your</i> to church, and worship together.
3. Bring your Appetite - Come Hungry for the Word!
4. Go to a Bible Believing/Preaching Church!
5. Honor the Word at Church! Listen attentively and respect the Word entirely.
II. A REFOCUS ON THE WORSHIP OF GOD (8:6)

## III. REVELATION FROM THE WORD OF GOD (8:7-9)

The word **distinctly** means to "make it clear."

When they realized how they had sinned against the Lord is convicted them and they
Proverbs 29:18
IV. REJOICING IN THE WORD OF GOD (8:10-12)Do you come to church to be made to "feel good?" (2 Tim. 4:1-5)
1. Their Sorrow Is Removed (v. 10c)
2. Their Sins Are Remitted (v. 11)
3. Their Salvation Was to Be Rejoiced In (v. 12)
V. A REVIVAL FROM THE WORD OF GOD (8:13-18)  -The bottom line of any revival meeting is that people's lives are
1. The Stamina of Renewal (v. 13)
2. The Search for Righteousness (v. 14)

Worship should be "\_\_\_\_-centered" not "\_\_\_\_-centered."

3. The Shout of Revival (v. 15)