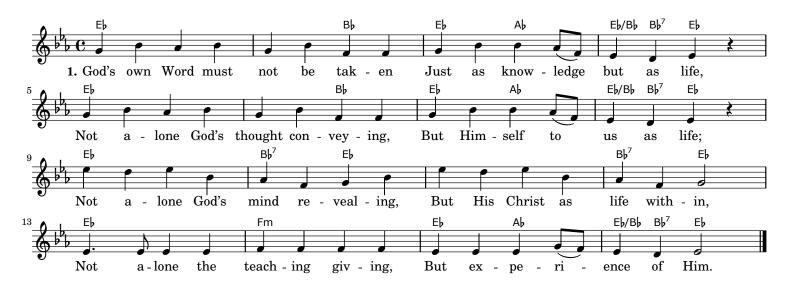
God's own Word must not be taken

Study of the Word — Knowledge and Life

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- 2. It is only knowledge to us
 If we in the letter read,
 But when reading in the spirit
 It is truly life indeed.
 All the knowledge in the letter
 Only brings us into death,
 But the Word in spirit taken
 Gives to us the quickening breath.
- 3. If we miss the Lord in Scripture,
 It is just as knowledge vain;
 But when Christ we touch within it,
 Then His life we may obtain.
 When we read, the Lord not touching,
 'Tis but mental stimulus;
 But when Christ we touch by reading,
 It becometh life in us.

- 4. All the knowledge of the Scriptures
 Into life must be transformed,
 All the mental understanding
 In the spirit must be formed;
 All the Scriptural understanding
 Must become the life received,
 All the knowledge of the letters
 In the spirit be conceived.
- 5. Just to touch the Word for knowledge
 Is to take the very way
 By which Eve was lured by Satan
 And by knowledge led astray;
 But as life to take the Scripture
 Is the tree of life to eat;
 Thus the Word we must be taking
 In the spirit as our meat.