**STEP 1 – Choose the Text**: John 15:3

**STEP 2 – Dissect the Text.**

1. *Now*
2. *ye*
3. *are clean*
4. *through the word*
5. *which I*
6. *have spoken*
7. *unto you*

**STEP 3 – Study for clear explanation of the Text**

***Now*** *-‘*ede’ greek *(already); by this time; now*. Not later, not some unclear hope distantly in the future, but NOW. God’s Word is effectual and active in the Believer’s life. Trusting God’s word is not like rolling die where perhaps you have a chance at some point to roll the needed combination. The Gospel is one of action and influence and that influence is not for later but if God has spoken His Word to the Believer and they have acted on that Word they can count it DONE—NOW.

***ye*** *-*who are the ‘ye’ being addressed? Vs. 2 ‘every branch in him’, that is BELIEVERS. Galatians 3:22

***are clean*** *-*what does it mean to be clean? 🡪**GREEK** 2613 katharos: clean,clear,pure. 🡪**American Tract Society Dictionary**: “Clean and Unclean” are terms often used in the Bible in a ceremonial sense; assigned to certain animals, and to men in certain cases, by the law of Moses, Le 11:1-15:33; Nu 19:1-22; De 14:1-29. The Mosaic law was not merely arbitrary, but grounded on reasons connected with animal sacrifices, with health, with the separation of the Jews from other nations, and their practice of **moral purity**, Le 11:43-45; 20:24-26; De 14:2,3,21. The ritual law was still observed in the time of Christ, but under the gospel is annulled, Ac 10:9-16. **🡪(Psalm 24:3,4) Application**: to be clean from our sin is to be pure and acceptable before God for his use and no longer candidate for *waste* or *rejection*.

***Through the word*** *-* How does moral purity come? It is through acting on God’s Word! Man’s ten step plan has no power to overcome, but we overcome through the blood of the lamb and the Word of our Testimony. The importance of the Word of God can never be over stated. *THROUGH*, that is God’s Word is the path to moral purity, but we must ACT, must walk that path. It is **THROUGH** **THE WORD**!

***which I*** *-* this ‘I’ is CHRIST! If Jesus said to build it, IT WILL FLOAT! No other ‘persons’ words have such impact as God’s. God’s Word on a matter is the FINAL Word. This is the Word that has directly come from the heart and mouth of God Almighty. Men’s words will fail, but not one of God’s good words can fail! (I Kings 8:56)

***have spoken*** *-* This I is not the word of *man* or of *assumption*, but either God has spoken or not. We do not dare impose upon God our will or our message, but we as men wait patiently upon the Lord, heart and ears inclined. This phrase ‘have spoken’ is in the past tense. God’s part is already accomplished, but we must believe. 🡪Greek “Spoken” 2980 utter words; preach; say; speak. Paul does not mean merely the ‘letter’ of the Word, but the SPOKEN words of God, that is, open revelation and enlightenment by the Holy Ghost. How does God speak His Word to us? John 16:13 “…whatsoever he [the Holy Ghost] shall hear, that shall he speak…”

***unto you*.** -“What is your Word God? Please, speak to me!” Far too many repeatedly say “God told me this” when in truth God never said such a thing! Has God spoken? Yes, but were we listening? “Open our ears, Lord!” every individual must hear from God for themselves. The proof of hearing is ACTION—**hear and do**.

**STEP 4 – Theme & Thesis of the Text**

1. THEME—“Moral Purity through the Word”
2. THESIS—The Believer’s moral purity comes only through obedience to the spoken or revealed Word of God.

**STEP 5 – Arrangement of the Text—OUTLINE.**

1. The Time Element of the Spoken Word (“Now”)
2. The Influence of the Spoken Word
   1. Purity (“are clean”)
   2. Must be **GOD’S** Word (“through the word which I have spoken”)
3. The Hearers of the Spoken Word (“ye”, “unto you.”)

**STEP 6 – Developing the Outline**

* Add Illustration, helpful quotation and clear application.
* Add relevant Scripture.
* Create a Title that does justice to your theme and thesis.