

Series “Ministry For Difficult Times”
“Adequacy Of Scripture”
2 Timothy 3:15-17
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Deuteronomy 32:46-47

2 Tim 3 – A Charge To Continue In The Gospel: (Abide In It)

2 Timothy 3:1-9 – “Characteristics Of The Last Days”

2 Timothy 3:10-14 – “Knowledge And Responsibility”

2 Timothy 3:15-17 – “Adequacy Of Scripture”

Thought Of Our Passage: “Scripture Is Comprehensive, Giving Wisdom, Leading To Salvation, Instructing, Reproving, Correcting, Training In Righteousness, Thus Making One Effectively Equipped.”

1. Verse 15 – The Scriptures – God’s Sacred Word:

2. Verse 16 – The Scriptures – God’s Inspired Word:

3. Verse 17 – The Scriptures – God’s Adequate Word:

1. Verse 15 – The Scriptures – God’s Sacred Word:

2 Tim 3:15

2 Timothy 3:14 – literally, “Remember from what sort of people your knowledge has come”

2 Tim 1:5

Continue In The Message, Remembering Who Taught You!

Continue In The Message, Remembering The Instruction! – “and that from childhood”; the word childhood – “Infancy, a new-born child, a babe”

“you have known the sacred writings” – (KJV) the holy scriptures, Latin Scriptura, “devoutly revered writings, documents”; literal translation, “The sacred letters, that which has been written”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Deut 6:4-8

Never Divorce Belief From Behavior!

Deut 6:9

2 Tim 3:15 – “wisdom” – “To give understanding, the application of the truth.”

Prov 3:21-26

We are not saved by believing the Bible, OT Scriptures testify of Jesus – John 5:39

What Is The Relationship Of The Bible To Salvation? Bible reveals our need for salvation.

The Bible is a mirror that shows us how filthy we are in God's sight: Romans 7:7

The Bible explains that every lost sinner is condemned now: John 3:18

The Bible reveals God's plan of salvation: John 3:16-17

Galatians 3:24

The Bible gives us the assurance of our salvation: 1 John 5:13

The Bible becomes our spiritual food that we might grow in grace and serve Christ: 1 Peter 2:2

2. Verse 16 – The Scriptures – God’s Inspired Word:

2 Tim 3:16

2 Peter 1:20-21

2 Timothy – We have the fact simply and plainly stated, not the process.

“All Scripture” – “every Scripture, that is, every passage of Scripture, Scripture as a whole is as is the single passage”; Literally “every separate passage”

OT was considered Scripture but later it came to be known as OT and NT. The Apostolic Writings: 1 Thessalonians 2:13

1 Corinthians 2:13

2 Peter 3:15-16

The Origin Of Scripture – Where It Came From: “is inspired by God” – (Only place in the Bible) “divinely breathed in, to breathe, God-breathed”; Scripture is the product of God’s creative breath. (Writings) Genesis 2:7 Hebrews 1:1-2

Pentateuch – 680 claims to divine inspiration, Historical books – 418 claims to divine inspiration. Poetical books – 1,307 claims to divine inspiration. NT – 300 direct quotations and at least 1000 indirect from the OT. (God says so, proved by what is said!)

The Usefulness Of Scripture:

The 4 Fold Purpose Of Scripture:

1. Purpose Of Scripture – Reveals What Is Right: “and profitable for teaching,” – doctrine (what is right); Doctrine – is systematic approach to teaching. It is looking up the teaching throughout Scripture and noting and lining up with God on His subject.

“profitable” – “Every divinely-inspired Scripture is, besides being so inspired and for that reason, also profitable”

1 Timothy 5:17

Job 34:32

2. Purpose Of Scripture – Reveals What Is Not Right: “for reproof,” – (Negative), “to convict of misbehavior or false doctrine, in the sense of rebuke”

“Warning, Disciplining, adjusting conduct and doctrine of believers. Holy living and holy teaching. False doctrine must be corrected, false doctrine must be pointed out. False teachers exposed.” 1 Timothy 5:20

Hebrews 4:12

2 Timothy 4:1-2

Psalm 119:99-100

Psalm 119:104-105

3. Purpose Of Scripture – Reveals How To Get Right: “for correction,” – (Positive), Confession, Repentance of Sin. “Restoring something to its original and proper condition, an upright state, setting right, fallen now standing upright”; To get straighten out, back on our feet!

Showing the sinner the right path; those that receive the rebuke, God can now restore and place them in good standings – John 21:15-17

Hebrews 12:11

Galatians 6:1

4. Purpose Of Scripture – Reveals How To Stay Right: “for training in righteousness;” – Abiding in Jesus, walking in the light, training – “mostly correction or discipline, sometimes admonition”

1 Timothy 4:4-6

Titus 2:11-13

2 Corinthians 3:18

3. Verse 17 – The Scriptures – God’s Adequate Word:

2 Tim 3:17

“that the man of God” – “Man of God” – “any mature Christian trained through the Scriptures becomes thoroughly equipped for every good work”

“may be adequate,” – “perfecting (as accomplished), or bring into complete adjustment, capable, proficient able to meet all demands”

“equipped” – “fitted out, furnished” Luke 6:40

“for every good work.” – “enabled to meet all the demands of righteousness”, 2 Timothy 2:21

Application:

1. The Bible Is Like No Other Book; It Is Set Apart By God To Give To Us The Necessary Wisdom By Which We Can Be Led To Salvation, Which Is By Faith In Jesus Christ.
2. The Origin Of Scripture Is God Breathed; God’s Purpose Through Scripture Reveals What Is Right, Reveals What Is Not Right, Reveals How To Get Right, Reveals How To Stay Right.
3. God’s Word Is Adequate To Make The Person Of God Proficient And Furnished To Meet The Demands Of Righteousness.