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THE WORD OF GOD**LESSON 5**

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"How important is the Bible"

One thing that separates Christianity from any "religion" in the world is its claim to an absolute written authority from God. Having the Word of God is essential to a Christian's growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. The standards by which a Christian is to govern his life in every detail are found in the pages of the Word of God, The Authorized Version, commonly known as the KJV Bible.

The purpose of this lesson is to acquaint the new Christian with the basics of the Bible and how it relates to his everyday life, so he can begin to understand how its principles are to guide every facet of his walk with Jesus Christ.

I. The Word of God is active in salvation.

A. I Peter 1: 23 says a man is born again "BY THE WORD OF GOD. " The word of God is the agent, which brings about the new birth.

B. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith... " Romans 10: 17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing BY THE WORD OF GOD."

C. James 1: 21 says the Word of God is, "...able to save your souls."

D. The Bible's summary of the gospel contains four parts in I Corinthians 15:1-4:

1. Jesus Christ died for our sins.

2. Was buried.

3. Rose from the dead.

4. ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

E. You **must** believe what the Bible says about sin, your condition, and God's plan of salvation in order to be saved.

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II. Since you are saved by the Word of God, it must be your absolute, infallible guide to tell you how to live. To illustrate:

A. Every major purchase (car, appliance, etc.) is accompanied by an owner's manual, which tells you how to operate it. If you don't go by the book, it won't work.

B. The Bible is God's "owner's manual" for your life. God would not save you and call you to service without clear, exact directions: but you must "go by the book."

Psalms 119: 105 Proverbs 3:5-6

III. What is the purpose of the word of God for a Christian?

A. The Word of God equips you for service, "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3: 16-17; Ephesians 6: 10-18

B. The Word of God sustains you. This is illustrated in the Bible as "spiritual food." See Job 23:12 and Jeremiah 15:16. It is a complete and balance diet.

1. Milk. I Peter 2:2
2. Honey. Psalm 119: 103, Proverbs 16:24
3. Apples. Proverbs 7:2, 25:11
4. Bread. Luke 4:4
5. Water. Isaiah 55:10-11, Ephesians 5:26
6. Meat. Hebrews 5:12-14
7. Vegetables. Psalm 78:24

C. The Word of God keeps you clean to please God. Psalm: 119: 11, John 15: 3

IV. Is the Bible completely reliable?

***A. It is more reliable than the audible voice of God. This is a very critical point. It must be understood that all "experiences" are to be judged by an infallible standard which is greater than any experience. Peter said the Word of God was MORE SURE than the physical appearance and audible voice of God. See II Peter 1:16-21 compared with Matthew 17:1-9.

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B. The universe was created by the spoken Word of God. Hebrews 11:3;
Psalm 33:6, Genesis 1.3

V. How do I learn the Bible?

A. The Holy Spirit of God will lead and guide you into all truth. God may use other instruments to aid in teaching (books, tapes, preachers, etc.) but ultimately, truth is revealed by the Holy Spirit.

John 14: 26, John 16:13-15

B. The Bible is learned by comparing scripture with scripture, relying on God's Spirit to teach you and not your own natural intellect. "Open Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law."

Psalm 119:18

VI. A brief history of the Bible.

- A. A total of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament.
- B. Written through more than 40 men.
- C. Fits together perfectly as if written by one man, because the author of all 66 books is the Holy Spirit. II Peter 1:21
- D. Written over a time span of about 2,000 years.
Totally accurate in matters of History, of prophecy, science, and every issue of life.
- F. Not one contradiction.

Read this famous anonymous quote concerning the Bible:

"The Bible contains the mind of GOD, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are all true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christians charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of Hell disclosed. CHRIST is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of GOD its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and mind, and guide the feet.

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Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of Glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor and condemns all who trifle with its holy contents.”

Basic questions.

A. Where should I start reading?

As a young Christian, focus on the primary places which deal with your new relationship with your Heavenly Father. The Gospel of John, the Epistle of I John, and Psalm 119 are excellent places to begin.

1. The Gospel of John is written that you might believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. John 20:31
2. The Epistle of I John is written that you might have complete assurance of salvation. I John 5:13
3. Psalm 119 is the greatest chapter in the Bible on a man's love for the Word of God.

B. What if I find something I don't understand?

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to make it clear as you continue to study.
2. Don't get upset about it. God will reveal it to you in time - when you are ready. John 16:12
3. Be sure you live what you do understand. God will not give you more than you are capable of handling. As you put into practice the things you are learning, God will entrust you with more.
4. Faithfully attend a Bible believing church where God's Word is preached and taught.

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Name _____

1. The Word of God is active in our salvation. Briefly explain how the following verses apply to this.

A. I Peter 1:23

B. Romans 10:17

C. James 1:21

2. What are the four key elements of the Gospel according to I Corinthians 15:1- 4 ?

A.

B.

C.

D.

3. What are the major purposes of the word of God in the Christian's life?

A.

B.

C.

4. From II Timothy 3:16-17, we understand that all scripture is profitable for the following:

A.

B.

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C.

D.

5. The Bible is likened to God's "owner's manual" for your life. Briefly explain why this is so.

6. Your physical body needs food in order to function properly. Your spiritual body needs food also. Give two scripture references that show us this.

A.

B.

7. According to II Peter 1:16-21, the Bible is _____ than the _____ of GOD.

8. According to Genesis 1 and 2, man's theory of evolution is a lie. What do we learn from the following verses regarding this subject ?

A. Hebrews 11:3

B. Psalm 33:6

9. We learned from lesson #4 that the _____ guides us into all truth. The Bible is also learned by _____ scripture with _____ and depending on GOD's Spirit to teach you.

10. According to I Corinthians 2:9-16, why can't lost people properly understand what the Bible teaches?

11. Briefly explain the primary purpose of this lesson.

Key memory verses:

Write these verses on the back page

II Peter 1:21; Psalm 119:9, II Timothy 3:16-17

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True/False

1. The Bible is just another religious book written by men.
2. The Bible can only be understood by the “clergy” or by years of formal education.
3. In order to understand the true meanings of the scripture, you must study Greek and Hebrew.

Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson or any other lesson.