

Edgemont Bible Church
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2 Timothy 3:15-17

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Intro: The importance of the Word of God in both Salvation and Sanctification is laid out clearly here. See also Ro 10:17 and Jas 1:18, 21

VIII. The Work of the Word

A. Scripture Provides Instruction for Salvation - vs 15; Ps 19:7; Mk 4:1-20; Jo 5:24, 39; Ro 10:14, 17; Jas 1:18

1. and that from childhood—lit from infancy
2. you have known the Holy Scriptures
 - a. learned from grandmother and mother - 1:5
 - b. Holy Scriptures - sacred writings
 - i. **hieros** - sacred:--holy.
 - ii. **Gramma** - a writing, a letter, note, epistle, book; plural learning:--bill, learning, letter, scripture, writing, written.
 - c. Christ called the seed that was sown in the Parable of the soils, the Word of God
3. which are able to make you wise for salvation
 - a. Biblical history that shows salvation through faith - Abraham - Ge 15:6
 - b. specific declarations showing one's need for God to justify -
 - i. The purpose of the Law
 - De 27:26 'Cursed is the one who does not confirm **all** the words of this law.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'
 - Ps 143:2 Do not enter into judgment with Your servant, For in Your sight no one living is righteous.
 - Ro 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
 - iii. The reason the Law cannot be kept by man - Ps 14:1-3
 - Ge 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
 - Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"
 - c. specific declarations of God's intention to send one with various titles showing His divinity and His work
 - i. My Servant - Isa 52:13-53:12
 - ii. The Branch - Isa 4:2; Zec 3:8; 6:12
 - iii. Holy One - Ps 16:10
 - iv. The Lord - Ps 110:1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool."
 - v. see also Is 7:14; 9:6-7
 - d. wise for salvation
 - i. Though Israel was thinking of an earthly kingdom which would save them from other earthly kingdoms
 - ii. God spoke of an everlasting kingdom
 - Ps 145:13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

- Isa 45:17 But Israel shall be saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You shall not be ashamed or disgraced Forever and ever.

- Da 4:3 How great are His signs, And how mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And His dominion is from generation to generation.

iii. This kingdom's inhabitants would have everlasting life

- Da 12:2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, Some to everlasting life,

- everlasting Joy - Is 35:10; 51:11; 61:7

4. through faith which is in Christ Jesus. - Ga 3:24

a. De 32:20 And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith.

b. 2Sa 22:31 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

c. Job 15:15 If God puts no trust in His saints, And the heavens are not pure in His sight,

d. Ps 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. - 7:1; 16:1; 18:2; 25:2,20; 31:1,6,14, 19; 34:22; 37:3; 52:8; 55:23; 56:4, 11, etc; Pro 3:5; Isa 12:2; Na 1:7

e. The Just shall live by faith - Hab 2:4

B. Scripture Provides Instruction for Sanctification - vs 16-17

1. The Inspired and Inerrant Scripture - vs 16a

a. All Scripture is given

i. not all that is inspired by God

ii. But all is inspired by God

iii. Same grammatical construction as Ro 7:12; 2Co 10:10; 1Ti 4:4

iv. All the words and each word

b. by inspiration of God,

i. First word to describe Scripture

ii. **Theopneustos** - divinely breathed in:--given by inspiration of God.

- God uses various means - dictation, prophecy

- God uses various people - shepherd, king, priest

- God reveals Himself - character, attributes, actions

c. inerrant in what it speaks to

i. when they were originally written (autographs), without error

ii. God still has providentially made sure that our bibles are 99.9% correct, any error would be scribal and affect no major doctrine

d. is profitable

i. **ophelimos** - helpful, serviceable, advantageous, profit(-able).

ii. Second word to describe Scripture

iii. It is sufficient

2. The Teaching Scripture - vs 16b

a. for doctrine,

i. **didaskalia** - instruction (the function or the information):--doctrine learning, teaching.

ii. Not the process, but the content

iii. Refers specifically to divine instruction

- b. Not for the natural man - 1 Co 2:14-16
- 3. The Reproving Scripture - vs 16c
 - a. for reproof
 - i. **elegchos** - proof, conviction:--evidence, reproof.
 - ii. Carries the idea of rebuking in order to convict of misbehavior or false doctrine
 - iii. Has to do with content
 - iv. This is a negative ministry of God's word
 - b. if one is to reprove effectively one must
 - i. be a student of God's word
 - ii. Understand the use of God's word to bring conviction, not personal preference
 - iii. Be able to discern where people are unruly, fainthearted, or weak being patient with all - 1Th 5:14 .
 - c. if we are going to receive rebuke, we must
 - i. be grateful that someone loves us enough to say something
 - ii. Be ready to hear even if the reprove didn't do it right
- 4. The Correcting Scripture - vs 16d
 - a. for correction,
 - i. **epanorthosis** - a straightening up again, rectification (reformation): -- correction.
 - ii. The positive provision for those who accept its negative reproof - **2Pe 1:20-21**
 - iii. Carries the idea of setting upright again
 - iv. It is the putting on to reproofs put off – Eph 4:22-24
 - b. Jesus in Jo 15:1-2 shows that the pruning process is for the purpose of being more productive
 - i. "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
 - ii. Heb 12:1 show that there are weights and the sin which so easily ensnares us to let us lay aside
 - iii. Sometimes the corrections that need to be made is in that which doesn't help us accomplish God's will – 1 Co 6:12; 8:13; 10:23, 31
 - iv. Heb 12:11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.
 - c. The ministry of correction done through a Christ-like spirit and the word of God – Gal 6:1
 - i. 2Ti 2:24-25 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,
- 5. The Scripture that Trains for righteousness - vs 16e
 - a. for instruction - **paideia** - tutorage, education or training; disciplinary correction:--chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture.
 - b. Original meaning comes from training a child
 - c. Also translated correcting – 2 Tim 2:25; and discipline – Heb 12:5, 7, 11

- i. Here in means training in a positive sense and happens until the Lord comes back
- ii. 1Pe 1:23-25 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, But the word of the LORD endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

6. The Enabling Scripture - vs 17

- a. that the man of God
 - i. technical term only used of Timothy in the NT
 - ii. used in the OT of those who proclaimed the word of God
- b. may be complete,
 - i. **artios** - fresh, complete:--perfect.
 - ii. Col 2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.
- c. thoroughly equipped for every good work.
 - i. **exartizo** - to finish out (time); figuratively, to equip fully (a teacher):--accomplish, thoroughly furnish.
 - ii. It could be translated - enabled to meet the demands of righteousness
 - iii. By his life, the man of God affirms the power of the Word
 - iv. He is equipped by the Word, then he equips those under his care with the Word
- d. for every good work
 - i. We were created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.
 - ii. We must like Jesus, work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. - Jo 9:4

Application: We must be committed to Preaching - leading others to Christ,

Discipleship - leading them into a deeper walk with Him,
Refuting Error – correcting and rebuilding erring brothers

All must be done through God's sufficient and inerrant Word depending on the convincing and convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

Then we will hear "well done."