

II Timothy 3:15

SCRIPTURES KNOWN FROM INFANCY

- I. The Scriptures.
 - A. The “scriptures” are writings which usually refers to what is now the Old Testament.
 - B. They are “holy” because:
 - C. The message of the holy Scriptures is that of God’s good pleasure to save unto Himself a people in His Son, Jesus Christ.
 - D. God uses the holy Scriptures to save, by making one wise unto salvation (cf. John 5:39).
- II. The child knows.
 - A. The word “child” refers to either a child unborn or newly born, an infant.
 - B. The holy Scriptures are known – they impart knowledge of the gospel by the Spirit-led believer (even child).
 - 1. The sacred writings reveal/give knowledge of what Jesus Christ did.
 - 2. Scripture reveals God to be the sovereign who created all and who establishes the moral standard for all men: love Him.
 - 3. The ability of a child to know the holy Scriptures is because they are perspicuous, i.e., clear, able to be understood.
 - C. Every believer (those given faith), young and old, are able to understand what the Scriptures teach for their salvation.
 - D. It is not the parents, but the knowledge of the sacred writings which is the divine source of all spiritual wisdom.
 - 1. No greater mistake can be made than to ground a child’s faith on parents, or preachers.
 - 2. Timothy was taught by Lois and Eunice to ground his faith in the sacred writings.
- III. What is the incentive to know and continue in knowing the sacred writings?
 - A. First, personally, the writings were able to make him wise for salvation through faith, a faith in connection with Christ Jesus.
 - B. What Timothy learned as an infant, he must “continue...in” (14), i.e., abide in no matter the consequences or the opposition.
 - C. We are encouraged to continue in the holy Scriptures because by means of them we are saved in our generations.