

How Did We Get Our Bible? The Origin and Authority of Scripture

#5: The Role of Scripture in the Christian Life

Intro: How to think about this topic

- What Scripture is: God's Word about Christ
- Christ's example

Book Plug: *Bible Delight* by Christopher Ash

I. Love (Ps 1:2a)

A. What kind of love?

B. The example of Christ

C. What if I don't love Scripture?

D. Threefold cord:

- ✦ If you love Scripture, you will want to know Scripture
- ✦ If you love Scripture, you will want to obey Scripture

II. Know (Ps 1:2b)

A. The example of Christ: wide knowledge, deep knowledge

B. A digression on guilt

- ✦ Christian freedom: models not mandates
- ✦ Christian duty: do and delight

C. What if I don't know the Bible? Ways and means:

- ✦ personal
- ✦ family [book plug: *A Neglected Grace* by Jason Helopoulos]
- ✦ corporate

D. Threefold cord:

- ✦ If we know Scripture, we can love it
- ✦ If we know Scripture, we can obey it

III. Obey (Ps 1:3; James 1:22-25)

A. The example of Christ

(John 14:31, Heb 5:8; Luke 24:44-46; Matt 26:39, John 19:28-29)

B. Obedience of mind & heart (Rom 12:1-2)

C. Obedience of action

D. Threefold cord:

- ✦ Obedience is required to know Scripture
- ✦ Obedience teaches us to love Scripture

Bonus: books that have helped me know Scripture

Covenants Made Simple by Jonty Rhodes

The Word Made Fresh by Dale Ralph Davis

[and any commentary by Dale Ralph Davis!]

Isaiah by the Day by Alec Motyer

Preaching the Word commentary series

[e.g. *Numbers*, Iain Duguid; *Job*, Christopher Ash]
