

# Why We Need...

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## The Bible (II Ti 3:14-17)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on “Why We Need...”
  - a. Last week we examined “Why We Need God The Spirit.”
    - i. **Ro 8:26-27** “Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”<sup>1</sup>
  - b. This week we are going to look at “Why We Need The Bible.”
    - i. **II Ti 3:14-17** “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
3. When one meditates upon such a questions as this one quickly realizes this is a question based on much depth and great truths.
  - a. Though that statement can apply to the last three sermons in this series, “Why we need God the Father, Son, and Spirit,” it is only understood based on this certainty of what we have been told in the Bible.
  - b. Thus we find the depth of the question we face today.
4. Due to the complexity of such a question we will only highlight some of the main reasons here but I want to encourage each of you do a more in depth study on this subject at hand.
  - a. With that in mind let us examine some things so that we may better understand “Why we need the Bible.”

### I. Because The Bible Gives Us Insight Into Our God

- A. Paul clearly states that he was given the mind of God to give to us
  1. **I Co 2:10-16** “these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person’s thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

- i. Some things to consider here.
  - a. God gave the inspired writers His thoughts i.e. His words.
    1. Vs 10 “these things God has revealed to us...”
    2. Vs 10 “...for the Spirit searches...the depths of God.”
  - b. God gave inspired writers the ability to explain spiritual truths to those that are spiritual.
    1. Vs 13 “...interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.”
      - i. “...explaining spiritual things to spiritual people.” (LEB)
  - c. God therefore gave us the interpretation of God’s mind.
    1. Vs 16 “...But we have the mind of Christ.”
- B. Having God’s mind gives us insight into our God
  1. We learn of His love.
    - i. He created us.
      - a. **Gn 1:27** “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
    - ii. He sacrificed His Son to reconcile our relationship with Him.
      - a. **Ro 5:8, 11** “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us....11 ...through whom we have now received reconciliation.”
  2. We learn of His mercy.
    - i. **I Jn 1:9** “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
  3. We learn of His justice.
    - i. **Rv 19:11** “And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and the one seated on it was called “Faithful” and “True,” and with justice he judges and makes war.” (LEB)
    - ii. **II Th 1:6-8** “since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, 7 and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”
- C. Therefore...
  1. We need the Bible because the Bible gives us insight into our God.

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### II. Because The Bible Is Beneficial

- A. Paul wrote to Timothy the benefits of God's Word
  - 1. **II Ti 3:16-17** "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
- B. The Bible is beneficial because...
  - 1. It teaches us.
    - i. **II Pt 1:19** "And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts"
      - a. We now can know what God expects of us.
  - 2. It reproves us.
    - i. **Rv 3:19** "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent."
    - ii. **He 12:5** "And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him."
      - a. We now can know how God proves truth and exposes our erring.
  - 3. It corrects us.
    - i. **II Co 7:9-11** "As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. 11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter."
      - a. We now can know how God expects us to improve ourselves spiritually i.e. correct our fleshly selves.
  - 4. It trains us in righteousness.
    - i. **Ti 2:12** "training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age"
      - a. We now can know how God trains us to adhere to the Law of Christ.
  - 5. It equips us for good works.
    - i. **Ep 2:10** "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."
      - a. We now can know how God equips us to fight the good fight of faith.
- C. Therefore...
  - 1. We need the Bible because it benefits us by giving us everything we need to be complete in God's eyes.

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### III. Because The Bible Is God's Power To Save

#### A. The Bible saves us by...

1. Creating faith.
  - i. **Ro 10:17** "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."
  - ii. **Jn 20:30-31** "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."
  - iii. **He 11:6** "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."
2. Causing us to be born again.
  - i. Jesus taught everyone needs to be born again.
    - a. **Jn 3:3** "Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.""
  - ii. The new birth is produced by...
    - a. Receiving the incorruptible seed of God's Word.
      1. **I Pt 1:23** "since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God"
    - b. Obeying the gospel.
      1. **I Pt 1:25** "but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you."
      2. **Ro 6:3-5** "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his."
3. Keeping us saved.
  - i. **Ph 2:12** "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling"
  - ii. **Ti 2:12** "training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age"

### IV. Because The Bible Is God's Power To Comfort

#### A. The Bible comforts through the hope it gives

1. It gives us hope through its encouragement showing us that God will always keep His promises.
  - i. **Ro 15:4** "For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."

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- B. The Bible comforts through the peace it gives
  - 1. It explains the avenue through which we obtain true peace that is only found in God.
    - i. **Ph 4:6** “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”
- C. The Bible comforts through the joy it gives.
  - 1. It brings happiness to the one that studies and obeys it.
    - i. **Ps 1:1-3** “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.”

### CONCLUSION

- 1. Brethren when we start looking into “Why we need the Bible” we see very quickly that it is beyond question how much we need the Scriptures.
  - a. Let us never forget the need we have for such.
- 2. Question: Do you recognize the magnitude with which we need the Bible?
  - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
  - b. If not why not?
- 3. Invitation
  - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
    - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**