

Thursday Devotional

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“We must make a great difference between God's word and the word of man. A man's word is a little sound, that flies into the air, and soon vanishes; but the Word of God is greater than the heaven and earth, yea, greater than death and hell, for it forms part of the power of God, and endures everlastingly.” – Martin Luther

Today we continue to look at how we are to “Grow in Grace”, by looking at and studying the truth of how God has revealed Himself to us in His Word. Most Sundays, after I read the scripture passage for the sermon, I close that reading with the words, “*May the Lord bless the reading and hearing of His holy, inerrant, infallible Word.*” Have you thought about what that means? I don't say this because I think it is a neat saying or something other pastors do. No! I say this because I believe it with all my heart. I believe that God's Word is holy, inerrant, and infallible, and we do need His help to understand and bless us with it. On Tuesday we looked at how God's Word is holy, perfect and set part. Today we look at the foundational truth of God's Word and that it is *inerrant*.

This is not a Word we use every day, so we must first ask the question, what does it mean that the Bible is inerrant? Inerrant in its most basic form is pointing to the idea that something is without error (in-errant). Therefore, for the Bible to be inerrant means that it is without error or fault and is wholly true.

Now why does it matter that God's Word is without error, fault, and is wholly true? One major reason this is important is because that Bible actually teaches this about itself. As we have seen in 2 Timothy 3:16 several times already in these devotionals, “*All Scripture is breathed out by God...*” Paul also writes in 1 Thessalonians 2:13 these words that they have receive is not words of men but the Word of God. The second major reason this is important to believe the Bible to be inerrant is because God's character demands inerrancy. What do I mean by this? As we saw above, all scripture is breathed out by God, therefore this is God's very Word, therefore because God is perfect and true, His Word is perfect and true. As Psalm 119:160 points out, “*The sum of your Word is truth...*” As Proverbs 30:5 tells us, “*Every Word of God proves true.*” God is in His very character is truth and cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18) Therefore, as believers in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we must believe that His Word is inerrant. Every single word that is written in the Old and New Testament is true.

How comforting it is to know, without a shadow of a doubt, that the Bible is God's Word to us, and that in this Bible we have an ultimate source of truth. We no longer have to long for or search for truth. For as John writes, “thy Word is truth” (John 17:17). So today let us find comfort in the truth of God's holy and inerrant Word.

For further study: 2 Peter 1:21; Romans 12:1-2