

Back to the Basic – “Scripture”

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Scripture: Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; John 1:1, 14a (*NIV*)

Synopsis: The Bible has been given to us as a tool to equip and encourage us for Kingdom living in the world. Spending intentional time reading and meditating on Scripture is the daily sustenance we need as followers of Christ.

The Word of God is:

I. _____.

Hebrews 4:12 – *For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

God’s word is not dead and meaningless.

God’s word will never cease.

Isaiah 40:8 – *The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*

A hard heart stifles the word of God.

Psalms 51:10 – *Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

Psalms 119:11 – *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

II. _____.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Genesis 2:7 – *Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

God’s word has the power to breathe life in you.

If you want to mature in your faith, then let God’s word live within you.

God’s word is essential to help you navigate your spiritual journey.

Psalms 119:105 – *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

Scripture trains us to align our behavior so that it matches our identity in Christ.

III. _____.

John 1:1, 14a – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*

Jesus is the word and the word is Jesus.

John 6:46-51 – *No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.*

Only Jesus can satisfy your spiritual hunger.

Matthew 4:4 – *Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

We need Jesus every day.

Matthew 6:11 – *Give us today our daily bread.*