**CHURCH OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**DOCTRINAL STUDIES- FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING**

**LESSON 5: THE AUTHORITY OF GOD’S WORD**

**CLASS NOTES**

**SUMMARY:**

Many people have a hard time accepting the Word of God as truth because they can’t get passed the fact that human beings wrote the Bible. Though it is true that men wrote the Bible, it is important that we understand that these men were holy and chosen by God; they spoke and wrote the Scriptures under inspiration of the living God. All Scripture is inspired or “God-breathed ( **2 Timothy 3:16).**

“Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth and the Lord said to me: ‘Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.’” **Jeremiah 1:9**

“If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.” **1 Corinthians 14:37**

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.” **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

The Word of God is both Rhema (Greek translation meaning the spoken word) and Logos (Greek translation meaning the written word).

“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets. **Hebrews 1:1** *(Rhema)*

“Then He (Jesus) said to them, ‘These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me,’ And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures.” **Luke 24:44-45** *(Logos)*

Why the word of God? *First*, we need to understand that the Word of God, unlike anything else in the world is eternal. In **Matthew 24 verse 35**, we are told that “Heaven and earth will away, but My words will by no means pass away.” In **Psalm 119:160** we read, “The entirety of Your word is truth, and every one of your righteous judgments endures forever.”

*Secondly*, we discover that the Word has the power to transform the believer. According to **Psalm 19:7-8**, “The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.”

*Thirdly*, the Word will stand in the last days to judge those who did not believe. We are not to judge people but to help them to know God and His love. “And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken on My own *authority;* but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.” **(John 12:47-49)**

*Fourth,* the Word of God is life: “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life” **(John 6:63).**

*Fifth,* the Word has the power to accomplish whatever God sends it to do: “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” **(Isaiah 55:11).**

God reveals Himself to mankind through His creation **(Psalm 19:1)** and the Word **(John 14:21)** so that mankind might: Believe in Jesus Christ (**John 7:37-38, John 17:8, John 20:30-31)**; obtain salvation and be redeemed **(John 15:3, John 17:17, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, 1 Peter 1:23)**; receive instructions on how to live a life pleasing to God **(Psalm 119:11, Proverbs 6:22-23, Joshua 1:8, Matthew 4:4 )**.

*Additional verses in Psalm 119 to read include verse 33, 17, 38 and 105.*

**MEMORY VERSE: 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**SCRIPTURES:**

**Read John 1:1, John 1:14, and Revelations 19:13:** The Word of God existed in the beginning and then became flesh in the man Jesus Christ.

**Read** **Deuteronomy 8:1-3:** God gives us a strong warning as to how we are to live- by every Word that comes from His mouth.

**Read** **2 Timothy 3:16:**  People argue that the Bible was written by man and therefore, it is subject to man’s interpretation and influence; but we are assured that all Scripture is inspired by God.

**Read** **2 Peter 1:19-21:** Again, this passage of Scripture describes the character of the men who wrote the Bible- holy, and under whose influence in which they wrote the Bible- the Holy Spirit.

**Read** **Hebrews 4:12:** The Word of God is living and powerful.

**Read** **Isaiah 55:11:** The active Word of God has the ability both to accomplish and to prosper.

**Read** **Matthew 4:1-11:** Jesus used the Word of God as a weapon against satan when he was tempted in the wilderness.

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

The Word of God has the ability to save anyone who would believe.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’” **Romans 1:16-17**

How does the Word of God save us in the following areas?

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**HOMEWORK**

**Monday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.
* Read **Luke 8:4-8 and verses 11-15** and answer the following:
  + What does the seed represent? (v11) Briefly explain your answer.

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* + What do you believe the soil represents? Briefly explain your answer.

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* + What are the four types of soil represented in this passage of Scripture?

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   * What are the four things that can happen to the seed that is planted in these four types of soils?
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**Tuesday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.
* The Word of God has many benefits. Read the following passages of Scripture and write down the benefits of the Word of the Lord:
  + **1 Peter 1:23**

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* + **Acts 4:31**

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**Wednesday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.
* Read **Ephesians 6:10-20** and answer the following:
  + Why are we to put on the armor of God? (v10)

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* + What are the parts that make up the Armor of God? (vv14-17)

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* + What do these parts of the armor represent? (vv14-17)

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* + How do the following verses in Ephesians relate to the following?
    - Ephesians 6:17 and Hebrews 4:12.

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* + - Ephesians 6:19 and the definition of Rhema.

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* + - Ephesians 6:20 and Acts 4:31.

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**Thursday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.
* Read **Matthew 4:1-11** and answer the following:
  + In this passage of Scripture, there is a “face-off” between two opposing forces. Who are they?
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    2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What “weapon” did Jesus use against the devil? (vv 4, 7, and 10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + What four words did the devil say which lets us know that he knows the word, too? (v6)

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* + Briefly explain how **Matthew 4:1-11** applies to **2 Corinthians 10:4-6** and **Ephesians 6:12.**

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**Friday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.
* Answer the following two questions pertaining to your memory verse.
  + How can you use the memory verse Scripture in your daily walk?

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* + How can you use the memory verse Scripture to teach others God’s Word?

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**Saturday:**

* Write your memory verse **2 Timothy 3:16-17** by memory.

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* Study your notes in preparation for your test tomorrow.