

“Rightly Dividing The Word Of Truth”

II Timothy 2:15

Part I – The Word Of God

- John 17:17** Jesus declares that the Word of God is Truth!
- Romans 3:4** “...let God be true, but every man a liar..”
- When teachings of man differ from the Word of God, allow the Word of God to stand true.
- Galatians 1:6-9** Absolutely nothing or no one must be allowed to supersede the Word of God.
- John 1:1,14** “Word was God” and “Word was made flesh”. So Jesus is the Living Word.
When He speaks, it is God speaking to us.
- John 12:48** The Word will judge us in the last day.
- Revelation 20:11-15** People, small and great, must stand before God someday.
- Two sets of books are mentioned: One is the book (singular) of life. The other is the books (plural) which will consist of the 66 books of the Bible that will judge mankind in the last day.
- It is not a light matter when someone rejects God's Word today.
- Everyone believes in something, so why not put your trust in the Word of God.
- II Timothy 3:6**
II Peter 1:21 Why can we put our confidence in the Bible as truth?
Because “all scripture” is inspired of God.
- Deuteronomy 4:1,2**
Revelation 22:18-21 We are instructed to neither add nor take away from what thus says the Word of the Lord.

The Divisions Of The New Testament

- Gospels** Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John: These books begin around the birth of Jesus and end at the time of His death, burial and resurrection. These

books are the biography of the life of Christ.

Acts

This is the only book with the actual preaching of the apostles to the unsaved, telling the plan of salvation. If we want to know the plan of salvation, we must go to this book.

Some might say, “that's only one book” but so is Genesis. If we want to know in detail concerning the creation of the earth, we only have one book to go to. Yet we believe it because it is the Word of God. We believe the book of Acts because it is the Word of God!

And a close study of the Word shows that the books before it lead right up to it's truths and the books after confirm them.

Epistles

Romans through Jude: These are letters written to churches and individuals who have already experienced the salvation that was preached in the book of Acts.

These letters tell them (and us) how to live, act, and grow in Christ. There are warnings against false teachers, doctrine, etc.

Revelation

This is a book of prophecy with much of it written symbolic form. We would never begin a study of learning the Bible with this book. We must first “rightly divide the word of truth” in our coming to salvation and growing into spiritual maturity which can bring us to greater understanding of this book.

The Necessity Of The Word

Questions to inspire thought:

1. Some say it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you are sincere.
Can a man be sincerely wrong?
2. Is doctrine important according to the Word of God?

I Timothy 1:3

“...teach no other doctrine.” There must be a doctrine that is important, that is truth.

II Timothy 4:1-4

Preach what? “...the word.”

Word – Sound Doctrine – Truth: They all go hand in hand.

The time will come that they will not endure sound doctrine but being full of their own desires, they will hire preachers that simply tickle their ears.

And they will turn from the truth.

I Timothy 4:13-16

Give attendance to doctrine. In doing so, it will save you and those that

hear you.

II Timothy 2:24-26

Some people actually can oppose themselves. Why? Because they haven't acknowledged the truth.

The devil sets snares and traps to put people into bondage; but, the truth can make you free.

James 1:21-24

The Word of God can save our souls.

We must be more than hearers only, but doers of the Word, else we deceive our own selves.

If we don't do the Word we are like a man looking in a mirror and as soon as he turns away he forgets what he saw.

Matthew 7:24-29

He who "hears and does" the will of God is like a man who builds his house on a solid foundation which produces a solid house.

What kind of a spiritual house do we want to build?

I Peter 1:22-25

"...purified your souls in obeying the truth..."

"...Being born again...by the Word of God..."

"...which by the gospel is preached unto you." The gospel and Word are one.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Foundation of the apostles and the prophets. Why them? For they are the ones that preached the Word of God and we must obey and follow their message.

Hebrews 2:3-4

Who are those that heard him? The Apostles.

Gal. 1:6-12

Verses 7-9 says some will pervert the gospel but we are not to receive any other gospel than that which the apostles preached..

We do not seek to please men but to please God!

Verses 11-12 For the message preached by the apostles was a revelation given by Jesus Christ.

II Thes. 1:7-10

The judgement of God will come on those who knew not God and obeyed not the gospel. To not obey the apostles message is to not know God. In lesson two (2) we will find out what the Gospel is.

But to those that believe the word of the apostles, they shall shine forth.

- I John 4:6** To know God is to hear the message of the apostles. This makes the difference between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
- Matthew 15:14** “And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.”
- Romans 1:16** “...the gospel...the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.”
- Romans 6:16-18** The Romans were sinners but when they obeyed from the heart the Word of God it made them free from the bondage of sin.
- We likewise become free from sin when we obey from the heart the Word of God.
- Romans 16:17-18** Mark them and be aware of them that teach contrary to what you have learned for they serve not the Lord Jesus Christ but their own bellies. Avoid them!
- Ephesians 4:14-15** Don't be carried away by every wind of doctrine. What do we believe then?
The Apostles doctrine.
- Collosians 2:8-9** Beware of the philosophy and traditions of men.
- II Thes. 2:9-12** People must have a love for the truth or God himself will send a strong delusion that they would believe a lie.
- Once again, Why? Because they loved not the truth that they might be saved.

The necessity of the Word of God in our lives cannot be overly stressed. The message of the Apostles as they fulfilled the commission of Jesus Christ must be the only “lighthouse” we set our course by.