

Living Biblically

Intro: We have been considering the matter of correct living for the Believer—Biblical living. In order to live Biblically, the Believer must have _____ in their mind that the Scriptures are their authority for living. In his Outlines of Theology, Dr. Charles Hodges makes this statement: "Q. *What is meant by saying that the Scriptures are the only infallible rule of faith and practice?* A. *Whatever God teaches, or commands is of sovereign authority. Whatever conveys to us an infallible knowledge of his teachings and commands is an infallible rule. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the only organs through which, during the present dispensation, God conveys to us a knowledge of his will about what we are to believe concerning himself, and what duties he requires of us.*" For the Believer, the only thing that we have to verify the authority of the Scripture is what the Scripture says about _____, and our faith in the Scriptures. Today I would like to present the 3rd message on the authority of the Scripture for the Believer.

- I. Nowhere does the Scripture refute those who _____ its authority. It is an understood concept throughout the Bible that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God.
- A. **2Tim 3:16** *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*
- B. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to _____ people of the inspiration of Scripture.
- II. Nowhere do the Scriptures indicate that one must believe in the inspiration of the Bible in order to be _____. **Rom 10:5-17**
- A. One must believe that _____ died and rose again for their justification **Vs 8-9**
- B. The heart (the _____, the place where the emotions originate) is where the transaction of salvation takes place **Vs 10a**
- C. The mouth _____ verifies what has taken place in the heart **Vs 10b**
- D. The issue at stake concerning one's _____ is their faith and confidence in the finished work of Christ, not the inspiration of Scripture **Vs 11, 13**
- E. The confidence in the inspiration and authority of Scripture must be found in the person _____ the Gospel **Vs 14-15** (Preacher-proclaimer, _____ who shares the Gospel with another human being)
- F. Not all who hear the Gospel accept the Gospel. It is not because they do not believe in the authority of Scripture; it is because they do not believe in the _____ message. However, the presentation of the Scripture message is absolutely necessary for faith in the Gospel to take place. **Vs 16-17**
- III. Since salvation is a _____ act of God upon the mind of the repentant sinner, and since the Holy Spirit moves _____ the mind of the repentant sinner upon conversion, it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit _____ to convince the new convert of the authority and the inspiration of the Scriptures.
- B. *Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*
- B. *Joh 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak, and he will show you things to come.*
- C. 1 Cor 2:1-16
- D. 1 John 2:20-25

- IV. Since the Believer has the _____ Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is ever _____ the Believer and showing to him/her the authority of the Scripture, the Believer should be _____ in obedience to what the Holy Spirit is teaching him/her from the Scripture. To not walk in obedience to the Scriptures is _____.
- A. *Psa 19:7-8 The instruction of the LORD is perfect, renewing one's life: the testimony of the LORD is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise. The precepts of the Lord are right making the heart glad.*
 - B. *Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.*
 - C. *Psa 119:130 The revelation of your words brings light and gives understanding unto the inexperienced.*
 - D. *Joh 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.*
 - E. *Acts 17:11 These (the people of Berea) were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.*
 - F. *2 Pet 1:19 We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.*
 - I. *2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

Concl. For the unsaved person, the _____ they need to know is that Jesus saves! Until they believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, Scripture will be only another _____. For the Believer, (the person who has accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior thus has the Holy Spirit living inside them), the Scripture has become _____ than a book, it has become **the very Words of God** spoken to them. The Believer believes the Bible to be the manual they need to govern their _____, their thinking, their decisions, and _____ in their everyday life. They understand, as they yield their life to the Holy Spirit, that the Bible is their _____ book in the things God wants them to know about Him, and about life, thus they determine to live in _____ to the Holy Spirit's leading.