

Discipleship Class(Week 4)

"The Doctrine of the Scriptures"

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Scripture(Defined) - A Holy Writing(A Holy God's Holy Words in written form)

Our Bible is Made up of:

* Made up of _____ Books(Old Testament: 39/New Testament: 27)

* Divided into _____ Chapters

Matthew 22:29 Jesus(Speaking to the Sadducees) answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

- We believe and teach that The Bible(God's Word) is the final authority for all matters of Faith and Practice.

Bible Authority: 'The Word of God' is the baseline for _____ that we do at Calvary Baptist Church.

Authority(Defined) - the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience

The Importance of the Scripture:

Notice: Paul was thankful to the church at Thessalonica because they made a clear distinction between the fallible words of a man, and the infallible Word of God:

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

- We must rely entirely upon the Word of God, not the word of man for everything that we believe and teach!

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life:and they are they which testify of me.

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Concerning using the Bible to teach about the Bible?

- There is no greater way to teach you about the Bible, than to learn it from the Bible itself!

Hebrews 6:13 For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself,

Quote: "The Best commentary about the Bible is the Bible." (Unknown)

Let's look at 2 important things concerning this doctrine, and then I will attempt to answer an all-important question as we close:

1. The Divine _____ of the Scripture

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Inspiration(Defined) - **θεόπνευστος** theopneustos - "God-Breathed"

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

- At Calvary Baptist Church, We believe that God, the Holy Spirit, gave the Whole Bible(Plenary) 'word for word'(Verbally) to human writers. These men simply served as

'the human hands of God' to write down His Word.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Quote: "The Bible is not a collection of mere stories about man or advice from man. The Bible is God's Book. It is called the Bible because it is written by a Holy God, the One and only God." - John Goetsch

2. The Definite _____ of the Scripture

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him

Psalms 119:140 Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

- At CBC, we unashamedly believe that The Word of God is a _____ book, free of any conflicting doctrines or imperfections.

"Why do we use the King James Version of the Bible exclusively at CBC?"

Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

- If Jesus declared that we need 'every word' of God, in order to 'live', then why would He not have left us every word to live by?

A. It Prevents Confusion - 1 Corinthians 14:33

1 Corinthians 14:33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

- I want to look at this 'Prevention of Confusion' from 2 angles:

A. Teaching in the Church:

- Imagine going to school and trying to each learn from a different text book than the teacher is teaching from.. It will not Work!!

B. Personal Study:

John 16:13-14 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 shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

- Most people use this as their first gripe against the KJV.. I can't understand the 16th Century English.. When you have this view, you are depending upon yourself for understanding.. We, on our own, cannot understand the supernatural Word of God... We need a _____! Guess What.. our teacher is the author of the book!! You don't need a man to show you 'what God meant to say'.. God will teach you exactly why He said, what He said!!

B. It has been Preserved Correctly - Psalm 12:6-7

Psalm 12:6-7 The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

A. A Purity - "Pure Words" - Pure(Defined) - Free from Contamination

B. A Person - "Thou, O Lord" - LORD - Jehovah

C. A Protection - "Keep them" - Keep(Defined) - To Guard, To Keep watch and protect

D. A Preservation - "Preserve Them" - Preserve(Defined) To maintain something in its

original or existing state

E. A Perpetuity - "From this Generation for ever" - (For Ever - Everlasting, Evermore)

C. It Presents Christ

- Jesus is the theme of the entire Bible! It's all about HIM! Even in the Old Testament, we constantly see foreshadowing and illustrations of this Messiah that would come to save His people from their sin!

- Did you know that many if not most of the modern versions remove the name of Jesus, change words, add words and even remove entire verses in their translation of the Bible?

For Instance:

Changed Words:

KJV: *John 10:30 I and my Father are one.*

NASV: *John 10:30 I and the Father are one.*

Removed Verses:

KJV: *Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

NIV: *Omitted*

Removed Words:

KJV: *Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

NIV: *Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

How God feels about man adding/subtracting from His Word:

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

Revelation 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Conclusion:

In order to have definite truth, we need a definite source of that truth! We believe that God has preserved that for us in the KJV!

Mark 12:24 And Jesus answering said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God?