

*OT Reading Psalm 119 v 1-*

*NT Reading Timothy 3:10-17*

*Our Subject today Scripture More than enough for all comfort and hope. "Scripture Alone."*

The Bible alone is the Word of God. It contains everything one needs for salvation and godly living.

**From beginning to end it is "the Word of God."**

*Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.*

Whatsoever things were written aforetime, speak of the Old Testament Prophecies. They were written for our learning. Not that we just knew the facts and factual meaning, but rather that the deep spiritual truth of the **knowledge of Christ**, of his person, offices, grace, righteousness, obedience, sufferings, death, resurrection, and ascension; and of the great salvation and redemption he came to obtain, and has obtained; **and to teach us the doctrines of grace, of pardon through the blood of Christ**, atonement by his sacrifice, justification by his righteousness, acceptance in his person, and eternal life through him; **as also to inform us of our duty, and how we ought to behave both towards God and men:**

**In the Old Testament God spoke in various ways**, He spoke through visions, dreams, He spoke through seers and prophets, He spoke through the rituals and ceremonies of the temple. He spoke from the earliest time, so that man would not be without His word. **The Fathers of Faith Abraham Isaac and Jacob all loved the Lord and all treasured the Word spoken in these ways.**

**Jesus Christ the greatest of all prophets**, the son who is over Gods house. Jesus Christ eternal God, **Jesus Christ the Eternal Word**, who never passes away. His word is settled forever. *Psalms 119:89. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.* Thy righteous judgements endure forever. We can truly say, blessed *are* our eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. Jesus Christ the "express image" of his Father's person, his wisdom, who teaches us without any mistake, declaring all of God, Jesus being truth itself. The Son whom the Father appointed. The Son whom he hath appointed heir of all things, The son by whom also he made the worlds. This is the majestic view we are to have of The Son. And in a sense, this is the

view we ought to have of His Holy Word. The Eternal Word, the Inspired Word. *John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* What deep truths are revealed in this verse, the ancients used to say these words ought to be written in Gold in every church. Three truths are contained here. **1.** It tells us that our Lord Jesus Christ, here called the Word. **2.** That He is Eternal. **3.** That although He is a distinct person, Jesus is intimately united to Him and is God. This verse starts with *In the beginning.* It means the beginning of all creation and then the word 'WAS' means 'it existed or was existing.' When we put the sentence all together we understand, that when the world was first called into being, however long ago that may be,—when matter was first formed, however many ages ago that may be,—at that period the Lord Jesus Christ was existing. **He had no beginning. He was before all things.** There never was the time when He was not. In short, the Lord Jesus Christ is an eternal Being.

The expression 'the Word'. Is a very difficult to understand. When a verse is difficult one wise thing to do is to compare scripture with scripture and allow scripture to reveal the truth. To take the whole council of truth and see how this verse dovetails with other verses.

Some say that Christ is called "the Word" because He is the wisdom of God, and the "wisdom" of the Book of Proverbs.

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Some say, hat Christ is called "the Word," because He is the speaker, the utterer, and interpreter of God the Father's will. It is written in this very chapter, that *"the only begotten Son hath declared the Father."* It is also written, that *"God hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son."*

We read many references to *"The Word"* in the Old Testament. Psalm 33: 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. Psalm 107 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered *them* from their destructions.

The deep mystery of the Trinity is beyond our human comprehension. The unity between **Christ the Word**, and **God the Father**. They are completely united, yet

Christ the Word and the Father were from all eternity two distinct Persons. **We read in Genesis**, - God was speaking to His Son. "It was He," to whom the Father said, "Let us make man in our image." There is only ONE God, "the Word was with God, and was God." these are matters far beyond our feeble understanding. Happy are we, if we can agree it is true, and believe it and treasure and value it.

**One of the writers of old pens it like this** - "Ask the sun, if ever it were without its beams. Ask the fountain, if ever it were without its streams. So God was never without His Son."

**God speaks to us through His Holy Word, His Son.** His will is found in His word. We have the full revelation and wisdom of God; it is sufficient to make us wise and make us perfect. Next to praying there is nothing so important in our walk as a Christian, **as Bible-reading**. God has mercifully given us a book which is "able to make [us] wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus"

*2 Timothy 3:15-17 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. [16] All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: [17] That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

**All scripture is divinely inspired.** That means 'divinely breathed in.' Something that has breath is living. Scripture is living energising and effective it is sharper than any 2 edged sword, it penetrates into our deepest being, judges our thoughts.

**Listen what Scripture says** 1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

**Scripture is Authored by the Spirit of God.** Scripture is to be considered the word of God and not the word of man. It is settled forever in heaven and never changes. It is holy and to be revered and respected and valued as precious.

All Scripture is profitable for Doctrine, for Reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

**REPROOF.** to convince us either of any truth, that we may believe it without any hesitation. or of any sin, that we may be humbled for it. This word “reproof,” means “conviction.” The sword of the Spirit cuts down all error and heresies.

**Correction.** to correct us in any error, to show us the way to bring us to an upright state, to reform us.

**For instruction in righteousness,** to instruct us in the true righteousness. The unlearning of man’s love to sin, the undoing of his evil habits—this is correction. An awareness that we must appear before God. That We will give an account for the treasure that has been so freely given to us.

If the bible is the word of God why are some not profited from it, well the fault is not the bible but the men who read it. You can have the most advanced mobile phone but unless you know how to charge it and how to put a sim card in it it won’t profit you. For The bible to profit us. The bible does not ordinarily do any good, unless it is read with humility and earnest prayer. **When men read it without benefit, "the fault is not in the Book, but in themselves."**

1. **If the Bible the Word of God?** Then be careful that you do not neglect it. It begins by Reading it! The great change that took place all over Europe was not just Luthers and his friends preaching that established biblical Christianity, He translated the bible into German. It was this great weapon that overthrew error. It was the royal permission to have the Bible translated and set up in churches, so that every one who wanted might read it. Yes! it was the reading, and circulation of the Scripture which mainly established biblical Christianity in England, in Germany, and Switzerland. Without it the people would probably have returned to their former bondage when the first reformers died. But by reading the scripture their eyes were opened. The excellence of the pure Gospel became a rooted idea in their hearts. Happy is that man who owns a Bible! Happier still is he who reads it! Happiest of all is he who not only reads it, but obeys it, and makes it the rule of his faith and practice! To Ignore The living Word and say, I don’t want its council, to despise its reproof, will be our downfall. Understand that continueing to despise Gods

word will bring the Wrath of the Lord against us, it will mean there will be no remedy for us. On that day we stand before Him, of all the things we will have to give an account for, our speech, our strength our money, *perhaps the one thing with the most gravity is how we handled Gods Word?* Did we rebel at its instruction? Were we hearers only but not doers.

I am convinced that any person that does not gladly obey Gods word has never tasted, but only heard at a great distance.... With today's technology we can hear news from faraway places, by internet by TV by radio. But we are far away we have only heard. We don't know what it is really like. But to taste for yourself. Oh, taste and see the Lord is Good, Taste and see the word of God is sweeter than honey. To taste you have to draw near you can't be far away. But once you taste – there is no one that can convince you otherwise. For example, if even 1000 people tell you honey is bitter, and you have honey in your mouth you have tasted, you know its sweet. **The Psalmist has tasted**, He says I will rejoice in the way of your testimonies, even more than in riches. I will delight in thy statutes; I will not forget they word. The word of God is delightful to his soul. God's word is his comfort in affliction. His word quickens and strengthens, thy statutes are my song and delight. I remember your name day and night.

2. Is the Bible the Word of God? Then be sure you always read it **with deep reverence**. Say to your soul, whenever you open the Bible, "O my soul, thou art going to read a message from God." Say This is Gods Eternal word settled forever it changes not. All of your promises are yea and amen. Reverence and gratitude. **The bible is the chief means God uses to build us up.**

Are we weary in soul? It can awaken him.

are we mourning? It can comfort him.

are we erring? It can restore him.

Is there weakness? It can make him strong.

Is he in the company of the unbeliever? It can keep him from evil.

Is he alone? It can talk with him. The bible does all this for the believer it has done it for thousands of people in the past and it will continue even to do for thousands today.

3. Is the Bible the Word of God? If it is divinely inspired, We come to the one who is the author **in fervent prayer** for the help and teaching of the Holy Spirit. We read in **Psalms 1** David's cry, 9 times he says, **teach me**. Then 5 more times he says **give me understanding**. Humble prayer will throw more light upon Gods word than consulting all the concordances that were ever written. **Reading with intellect alone is not enough**. Its contents are often *"hid to the wise and prudent and revealed to babes."* It is the Holy Spirit. When we come to read Gods word let us remember this and pray open my understanding Lord.
4. Finally, is the Bible the Word of God? Then let us all resolve from this day forward to prize and look the Bible more. To be not only hearers but doers of His eternal word. To believe Gods word, to hold fast to Gods Word. We are on a journey over a stormey sea, a dark sea, yet his word is our compass, His word is a lamp unto our path. Could we have a safer guide. Could we be a more sure guide.

In conclusion God has given us the Bible to be a light and a guide to eversating life. Let us not neglect this precious gift. Let us read it diligently let us walk in its light and we shall be saved. Let us walk in this light and we shall arrive with our Lord to be with Him forever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen