

Word

Purpose : Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17). Thus, the aim of studying the Word of God is to help one to build faith in Jesus. One must accept the bible as the one true standard (vs. feelings, experiences, peers' opinions, or family traditions) by which to live life if one is to know true salvation from Jesus.

(2 Tim 3:16 NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, (2 Tim 3:17 NIV) so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

a) All scripture is inspired by God.

b) It is to be applied to our lives.

(Heb 4:12 NIV) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

(Heb 4:13 NIV) Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

a) The word is relevant.[Living and active]

b) The word cuts (hurts) – compare to a scalpel.

c) It is good to be cut – it cuts the sin out.

(John 8:31 NIV) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

(John 8:32 NIV) Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

a) Intellectual belief is not enough – nor can we go by our feelings.

b) Everyone must hold on to and follow the teachings of Jesus to be a Christian (Disciple).

(Mat 15:1 NIV) Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked,

(Mat 15:2 NIV) "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"

(Mat 15:3 NIV) Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

(Mat 15:4 NIV) For God said, 'Honor your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.'

(Mat 15:5 NIV) But you say that if a man says to his father or mother, 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,'

(Mat 15:6 NIV) he is not to 'honor his father ' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

(Mat 15:7 NIV) You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

(Mat 15:8 NIV) "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

(Mat 15:9 NIV) They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"

a) Worship by any traditions (which supercede the Word of God) is worship in vain.

b) Jesus warns us not to nullify the word of God for the sake of our tradition.

(1 Tim 4:16 NIV) Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

a) Watch your life and your doctrine closely – they are inseparable.

b) Which is more important your life or your doctrine? Like an airplane. Which wing is more important?

(Acts 17:10 NIV) As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish

synagogue.

(Acts 17:11 NIV) Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

(Acts 17:12 NIV) Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men.

a) Here is an example of the Bereans who not only received the message with great eagerness but also examined the Scriptures everyday to verify whether what they heard was true.

b) We need to develop a habit to read and meditate on the Word daily.

(Mat 4:4 NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

a) Why study the Bible? Because Jesus said that 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

b) Just like we need to eat food to sustain us we need to feed on the Word to sustain our faith.

Conclusion: We have to read and study the Bible seriously.

Other Helpful Scriptures

James 1:22-25

Matthew 7:15-20,24-27

Romans 10:17

Psalms 19:7-11

Psalms 119:11,105

Scriptures for Further Study

The following is helpful to get more faith in Jesus.

Prophecy	Fulfillment
Genesis 49:10	Matthew 1:1-17
Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22
Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:5
Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:15
Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:17-18
Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:3
Isaiah 9:1-2	Matthew 4:13-16
Isaiah 53:4	Matthew 8:16-17
Isaiah 42:1-4	Matthew 12:15
Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:34-35
Micah 7:6	Matthew 10:35-36
Malachi 3:1	Matthew 11:10
Isaiah 6:9-10	Matthew 13:13-15
Psalms 8:2	Matthew 21:16
Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:1-5
Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 26:31